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Cross Distinguishes Chaplains In Battle

With U. S. Forces in France—With only small silver crosses worn on their battle uniforms to distinguish them, chaplains with United States troops in France have been "taking it" right along with their units since D-Day.

Armed only with a Bible, a communion set, or any other religious articles they can carry on their persons, chaplains keep in close contact with every unit, often under enemy fire. They try to be where they are needed most, even at the risk of their lives, not only to fulfill their responsibility for the religious welfare of every soldier, but also to do all they can for his morale and general welfare.

Chaplains hold as many as a dozen services on Sundays at different positions along the line. In the French towns, civilians are happy to assist the chaplains and offer their schools, churches and halls for services. But soldiers cannot withdraw from their positions to attend church services and so the chaplains hold their services in the open, in trenches, at gun positions where the firing must continue, in fields or wherever the men are.

American voices singing familiar hymns mingle with the roar of planes and artillery on Sunday mornings while the chaplains conduct their services over improvised altars.

"Men who never before have evi—
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Attack In Latin America On Religious Freedom

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

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Montevideo, Uruguay—A subtle, concerted assault against religious freedom in Latin America is under way.

From Mexico to Argentina the fires of religious persecution smolder and at times burst into small flame.

No major conflagration has occurred, but there have been many signs of a Roman Catholic clerical movement aimed at curtailing religious liberty.

Protestant minorities in Latin America bear the brunt of these restrictive efforts.

Tents of Protestant missionaries have been burned.

Indians have been incited to acts of violence.

At least one incident of burning a Protestant Bible has been reported.

Tense Struggle

Peru has been the scene of a particularly tense struggle between advocates of full religious freedom and

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Revival in Marshall Islands



U. S. Marine Corps Photos

Old-fashioned revival meetings are available to men stationed on one of the Marshall Islands atolls, as proclaimed by the big canvas sign stretched between two coconut palms (lower photo). Services are conducted by an ordained Baptist minister, Marine Corp. Leslie Watson of Linden, Tex., extreme left above. Assisting, left to right, are SC 3c Silas H. Jones, USNR, of Festus, Mo.; Marine Pfc. Lester M. York of Hollister, Cal., and AMM 2c Robert P. Chariton, USNR, of Pueblo, Colo.

PRAYER MEETS ATTRACT SERVICE MEN ON CENTRAL PACIFIC ISLE

By Sergeant William C. Harris
Marine Corps Combat Correspondent

Somewhere in the Marshalls—(Delayed)—Strung high between two coconut palms, over a busy island

highway here, a big canvas sign proclaims: "Old-Fashioned Revival. Every Night. Welcome."

Inside a nearby tent, ordinarily used as a chapel, a six-foot, red—
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THE LITTLE BAPTIST

BY J. M. MARTIN

(With special permission of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, we present this story by J. M. Martin, a popular narrative. Follow it weekly. The book, *The Little Baptist*, may be purchased from your book store.—The Editor.)

CHAPTER IX Reflections—Conversation— Visitors

The pastor's remarks weighed heavily with Mrs. Brown. Reflections and misgivings were aroused that had never before entered her mind. She could only interpret certain expressions to mean that a too free use of the Bible was dangerous to certain tenets of her church. She had been a church member twenty years, and such a thought had never before entered her mind. She had not even allowed herself to doubt that the Bible was the reliance of her church for the defense of its practice. These reflections gave her great trouble. Had

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Chaplain Pays Visit To Former Cannibal Tribe

Recently I had the opportunity to visit a native village on a nearby island. These natives had moved out when the Japs arrived and were building new homes. I found the men at work on an almost completed house. As I watched, they finished it and moved on a little farther down the road to begin another. Presently I was greeted in English by a native who told me that his name was Daniel. I reached into my pocket and took out a Testament which I handed to him. He rushed into a house and came out carrying a hand-carved wooden battle-ax, shaped like a paddle, the handle of which formed a sharp spear. This he presented to me with the words, "You give me a present; I give you a present."

By this time Daniel and I were friends. We found much in common. First, we were both Christians; second, we are both missionaries; and third, we both want to protect the sanctity of our homes. Daniel in—

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COMMITTEE PLANS CONVENTION PROGRAM

In a recent meeting at Jackson the program committee of the Baptist State Convention, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, chairman, planned the tentative program for the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Jackson, November 14-16.

The Convention will open at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, November 14, with Rev. M. E. Perry of Leakesville as song leader.

Following the organization and naming of the committee on committees, E. C. Williams will deliver the president's address. Following the president's address, visitors and new pastors will be recognized and reports distributed. This will be followed by the reports of the Baptist Foundation and the radio committee. The afternoon session will close with the annual Convention sermon by A. B.

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Foreign Mission Will Cooperate With United Nation Relief

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has voted to cooperate with United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in collecting clothing for the war stricken people of Europe according to Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Plans are being made for the local churches to assemble the clothing from September 24 to October 4. If necessary the gathering time will be extended.

Arrangements are now being made for shipping the clothes to Europe and shipping dates will be announced later.

Full plans are not yet available but will be released in a few days.

The following telegram from Dr. Maddry and Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Europe, Africa and the Near East gives all details now available:

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JACKSON MISS
YESTERDAY FOREIGN MISSION BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO COOPERATE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION IN COLLECTING CLOTHING FOR WAR STRICKEN PEOPLE OF EUROPE CLOTHING TO BE ASSEMBLED BY LOCAL CHURCHES. DETAILS CONCERNING SHIPPING WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. DATES FOR GATHERING ARE SEPTEMBER 24TH OCTOBER 4TH TIME TO BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY. PLEASE PUBLICIZE.
CHARLES E MADDRY
GEORGE W SADLER.

Sparks & Splinters

The many friends of Miss Grace Lovelace, daughter of the late Dr. B. H. Lovelace and Mrs. Lovelace, who now lives at 741 Manship street, Jackson, will be interested in knowing she has qualified for entry into the navy school for Wave store keepers at Milledgeville, Ga. She formerly taught at Magee.

Rev. F. W. Gunn, pastor of East Columbia church, underwent a major operation for the removal of tumor, on his seventieth birthday, Aug. 14th, in the Tylertown Hospital, Tylertown, Miss., and will be a patient there for many weeks yet. The five daughters were present: Mesdames Paul Layne of Houston, Texas, Edgar May of Langley, Ky., O. M. Thomas of Lumberton, Miss., Pfc. Julia Wickersham of San Bernardino, Calif., Lt. Sarah L. Gunn of Atlanta, Ga., and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Delos Cole of Cleveland, Miss., whose first husband, F. W. Gunn, Jr., died ten years ago. Many friends and relatives of Bro. Gunn, who has served for more than forty years in the Baptist ministry, have remembered him with prayers, visits, cards, letters and flowers during his illness.

Global Thinkers, Inc., is a new organization which pleads for "a return to finer femininity so that our men won't come home from the battlefronts to marry drunken, immoral women." Miss Grace L. Donaldson of St. Petersburg, Fla., is national director of the organization, which will fight smoking and drinking among women. She says: "We are not reformers, we do not carry hatchets, and we have no quarrel with anyone. Our aim is to educate women to think themselves into new and better way of life. It's a new approach to an old problem."—Watchman-Examiner.

The second missionary sent by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to Texas was Rev. W. M. Tryon. During his first nine months in Texas as a missionary, he baptized 174 people. He had much to do with the founding of Baylor University and was a mighty force among the pioneer ministers of the great state to which he was sent. He died of yellow fever while serving the First church, Houston. Texas Baptists, particularly Houston Baptists, have appointed a committee to work out plans for the erection of a suitable memorial to this outstanding pioneer, who died in 1847. —Watchman-Examiner.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. M. Glenn Smith, Goss; Dr. B. S. Waller, Silver Creek; Billy Stagner, Clinton; S. E. Harrington, Michael Harrington, Drew; Dr. M. P. L. Berry, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. E. Y. Soileau, 1236 Fourth street, New Orleans, La.; Martin J. Gilbert, Arcola H. C. Stringer, Jackson; O. C. Chance, Clinton; Elgin West, Clinton.

New Haven, Hinds county: J. G. Flynt has been called as pastor of New Haven church near Terry. He is also pastor of Bethesda church. The annual revival was held the first week in September and five were baptized.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention reports that the total gifts for the first eight months of 1944 amounted to \$3,026,815.50. This is a gain for the same period of 1943 of \$172,747.71. Total gifts for August were \$275,692.24. Of this amount Mississippi gave \$9,076.92. \$6,919.10 was for the Cooperative Program and \$2,157.83 was designated.

Gatesville pastor, B. L. McKee, sends a club of subscriptions and states others will be sent later.

Mrs. Jas. R. Goff of Lucedale has sent a nice club of subscriptions to the Record.

Philadelphia Baptist Church, Webster county, celebrated its centennial on Sunday, September 17. It is one of the oldest Baptist churches in that section of Mississippi.

Miss Lucinda Hill of Rt. 2, Mantee, submits the following question: "Will a real (born again) Christian attend a picture show?"

Unity church, Pascagoula, not only has the EVERY FAMILY Plan but recently sent 12 additional names for their list. Next!

The Baptist churches and leaders of Neshoba county are deeply grateful to our efficient state Sunday school secretary, Bro. S. C. Williams, our elementary worker, Miss Carolyn Madison, and to the fine corps of workers which Bro. Williams brought into our county to help put on our simultaneous enlargement programs. A religious census was taken in 19 out of the 20 churches participating. Many new departments, classes and workers were added. There were more than 370 awards earned.—Kenneth G. Hall.

Miss Olivia Burnett, Booneville, who was graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1941, has been made assistant professor of psychology in the University of North Carolina.

A preacher was informed that the congregation had voted to increase his salary \$200. "Tell those good souls," he replied, "that I cannot accept it. I have enough trouble now trying to collect my present salary."

James Earl Drane, pastor of McCall church, Franklin county, did the preaching in the revival at Antioch church, Copiah county. Several professions of faith were made and also many rededicated themselves to the Lord's service. E. E. Hedgepeth is pastor at Antioch.

Pvt. Noonan C. Butler, of Paden, Mississippi, entered service June 11, 1942; went overseas April 1, 1944; was reported killed in action in France, July 9, 1944. Noonan was converted to a Saviour's love last November at a camp in Kansas. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Butler. Mrs. Butler is a member of the Paden Baptist Church.

Baptists of North Carolina have purchased and restored the birthplace of George W. Truett, a farm house near Haynesville. It is of one and one-half story construction, and as a lad George occupied an upstairs room. The short road leading to it from the Haynesville-Murphy highway is being put in condition, a marker has been placed at the junction and, when the war is ended, it is expected that hosts of tourists will make the side trip to this simple farm house wherein was born and reared one of the world's greatest pulpits and Christian statesmen.—The Western Recorder.

CHICKASAW BAPTISTS HAVE GOOD ASSOCIATION
Mt. Olivet Church Will Be Host
To 1945 Session

The Chickasaw Baptist Association met with the Van Vleet Baptist Church on last Thursday for its twenty-fifth annual session. One of the largest attendances of many years enjoyed the splendid program provided. Secretary D. A. McCall, of Jackson, and other men from the Baptist offices in Jackson were present with reports and inspiring messages.

Highlighting the day was the mes-

SEPTEMBER 17 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

| | SS | BTU |
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| Calvary, Jackson | 883 | 235 |
| Hardy (Sept. 10) | 100 | 20 |
| Erookhaven | 545 | 147 |
| Magee's Creek (Walthall Co.) | 75 | 107 |
| Crowder | 96 | 91 |
| Newton | 207 | 84 |
| Mosell (Jones Co.) | 51 | 41 |
| Olive Branch | 53 | 25 |
| Crystal Springs | 417 | 91 |
| Waller | 58 | 45 |
| Parkway, Jackson | 495 | 174 |
| Westside, Natchez | 77 | 61 |
| Waynesboro | 200 | 94 |
| New Albany | 435 | 140 |
| Hardy | 91 | 22 |
| Tocowa | 35 | |
| Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg | 74 | 71 |
| Louisville | 392 | 75 |
| Ellison Ridge (Winston Co.) | 113 | |
| Cross Roads (Webster Co.) | 79 | 47 |
| Rocky Creek (George Co.) | 119 | 53 |
| Luce Mission | 31 | |
| New Haven (Sept. 10) | 36 | 32 |
| Jackson First | 966 | 254 |
| Griffith Memorial, Jackson | 533 | 270 |
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IT HAPPENED AT PEARL HARBOR

"Mismanagement on the part of an army engineer colonel caused gross delay in pre-war defense installations at Pearl Harbor. Also it is said the major stockholder of the company doing the installing job was a German-born Californian who acquired American citizenship three months before the attack on Pearl Harbor." Thus does an AP news story of June 14 reveal a bit more of the crime of Hawaii. But read on!

"Evidence in the files indicates that on the morning of the attack Col. Wyman was at the home of Rohl (the contractor) having spent the night there; that he rushed to his office in civilian clothes and in a drunken condition, and that he changed to his uniform in the presence of all his office help. The two, the report added, attended parties together and traveled on Rohl's yacht, the 'Romona,' and one 'form of entertainment' furnished to Wyman by Rohl consisted of 'wild drinking parties' at which 'cheap looking type of young girls paraded in and out all evening.'

Is anything more needed to reveal the background of the slaughter of the thousands of our boys, the tremendous destruction of our property, the tragedy of Bataan and Corregidor? A drunken army officer and a shrewd, unprincipled contractor who had plenty of money, very probably from a "cost plus contract," if the report was correct—these account for the slaughter of mothers' sons, the imprisonment of tens of thousands of others, the rape of Chinese women, the suffering of missionaries, and the tens of thousands of other Americans being destroyed and the billions of additional dollars which must be sacrificed because the Commander-in-Chief of our Army and Navy demands that the fighting men be furnished alcoholic beverages regardless of what it costs in the end!—Western Recorder.

sage of Dr. McCall announcing a day of thanksgiving and praise on December 12, 1944, at the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

D. D. Satterwhite, pastor of Houston Baptist Church, was elected moderator. Rev. George H. Gay, of Okolona, was re-elected clerk of the association. The association will meet on Thursday following the second Sunday in September, 1945, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB
A Debtless Denomination Before 1945

HONESTY - LOYALTY - VICTORY

One of our successful presidents of one of our fine institutions writes as follows: "I almost feel that, if any institution or agency in the future should go in debt for something it is unable to pay for, the Convention should proceed immediately to liquidate that agency and pay the debt."

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We lost \$2,000 the first fifteen days of September. This is in Now Club support. That does not look like we mean business in getting out of debt by Convention time in November.

Both individuals and churches should plan to continue their Now Club support into December of this year. That sort of procedure is the only one that will absolutely guarantee freedom from debt for us this year.

Read Luke 14:25-35 and see what Jesus has to say about loving Him to the point we will finish our Christian tasks and life.

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IN MEMORIAM

On August 31, 1932 just as the sun was sinking the spirit of J. M. Carr was wafted on snowy wings to his Redeemer. Twelve long years have passed. But it seems only yesterday that we laid him away. Our grief is just as poignant and our feel of an irreparable loss far greater. For the realization has come to all of us that we must carry on without his help and inspiration to guide us. Our hearts long for "the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." We love to go back to our earliest recollection of him. The infirmities which assailed him in his latter years are written on our hearts.

Memory dwells longest on the years of our childhood, when he was not only a devoted father but a "pal." He entered into all our joys and disappointments, granted us every wish and desire to the best of his ability, and endeavored to smooth the road of life over which our feet would travel. It was a labor of love to surround his loved ones with comforts, advantages and opportunities of which he was deprived in his youth.

Even to the end the tender solicitude of the happiness and welfare of his children was beautiful.

We love to remember his ideals, his conception of right and wrong, his honesty and integrity, and his justice in his dealings with his fellowmen. They will stand as a monument to his memory long after tablets of bronze have tarnished and stone has crumbled and decayed. We recall his devotion to his church, his hope and faith.

So, on his twelfth anniversary of his death, we are glad to place this loving tribute in his memory. In our hearts recollections of his tender love and unselfish devotion burn as brightly as in the days of our childhood and truly "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

Each year brings us nearer to the day when, please God, we will all be gathered home, a happy united family. We do not say "Good-bye, dear Papa," but in some fairer clime "Good morning."

—His devoted daughters.

Paid.

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His many Mississippi friends will be interested to learn that Howard Benson, who recently went from Terry to First church, Carrollton, Ga., led in a revival meeting at Temple, Ga. There were three additions.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publickly, and from house to house," Acts 20:20

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The services at Macon were most impressive. Four deacons were ordained, namely: Brethren M. C. Jensen, Paul Graham, Frank Hurst and H. E. Dorroh. This service was very worshipful. In the evening a fellowship service was held with the pastor and deacons receiving the good wishes of members of the congregation. We enjoyed the lovely home of the pastor and Mrs. R. D. Pearson.

We are indebted to Brethren McWilliams and Ross for a nice inside finish in the building damaged by the fire.

Word comes from one of the fields in Neshoba county being benefited by our State Mission and associational mission work. An elderly man 72 years of age was converted and baptized along with others. The Vacation Bible school was fine and the departments are doing good work.

It was good to be back at Holly Springs for two services while they are awaiting the coming of their new pastor, Bro. Aultman of Mobile. Three additions; baptized two. We supplied here a few Sundays during college days. We doubt if we made any contribution, but we certainly received splendid testimony from Drs. Seale, Sandusky, and the church as a whole.

Wednesday night Pastor J. B. Parker, Ripley, presented us with a tremendous prayer meeting crowd—not a few of which were young people. We enjoyed the lovely hospitality of the J. B. Parker home over night.

Our first association of the year was Benton at Pleasant Grove church. A very good group came from all churches save one. Reports were excellent. Moderator May kept things moving on time.

Our next association was Tippah at Pine Grove. The folks filled the house from the start until the benediction. Reports were good. Moderator J. B. Parker is a hard worker here, as in his own church.

Next we were at Chickasaw Association at Van Vleet. What a lovely church building! Again the crowd was large with splendid reports. Moderator Satterwhite and Clerk George Gay kept things and folks in order.

Our last association for the first week was Yalobusha at Water Valley. The entertainment was delightful here as at the other places. Moderator Denley and Pastor Howard saw that we had plenty of time to present properly the work of our Lord.

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After five years of intensive study we are convinced that an intensive, constructive, spiritual and scriptural associational missionary program is the only way that will do some church and kingdom building within this state in the manner and to the extent it should be done. There is a definite trend in various sections of the state toward associational mission supplements by state missions.

The personnel is chosen by associational leadership, reports are made monthly to the Convention Board office, monies from individuals and churches in support of this work are paid through the Convention Board offices that the churches of our Lord may get credit and He receive the testimony. We then issue a monthly check containing payments made from within the association, plus our state mission supplement.

We should have from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for this work, each of the years ahead. As our men in the chaplaincy return we will have more available personnel for this work. It is worthy of our best thought and prayers.

III
I WILL

"I will not worry. I will not be afraid. I will not give way to anger. I will not yield to envy, jealousy or hatred. I will be kind to every man, woman and child with whom I come in contact. I will be cheerful and hopeful. I will trust in God and bravely face the future."

Preaching is a lonely business. A man sweats blood in preaching, and oftentimes the nerves are left unstrung. How can a preacher do his work except in an atmosphere made warm by Christian affection? As the years go on, there is less delight in the mere act of saying things, and the heart craves more and more the fellowship of kindred minds. A preacher who does not love his church, and whom his church does not love, is of all men, most pitiable.

—Charles E. Jefferson.

THE VICTORY OF HUMILITY

A young Scotsman, a candidate for a pulpit, was ready to preach his trial sermon, and he felt that it was a good one. He knew he had a good voice, and he was confident of making an excellent impression. As he walked up the aisle and mounted the high pulpit steps, the pride in his face and walk was evident to everybody in the church. Old Robin Malair, the sexton, slowly shook his grizzled head. "I has me doots o' you laddie," he said to himself. The young man made a miserable failure in the pulpit that day, and when his wretchedly delivered sermon was done, he walked slowly down the pulpit steps, head bowed and heart humbled. "Ay laddie," mused the old sexton, "If ye had gone up as ye came doon, ye'd come doon as ye went up."—Elim Evangel.

The Duke of Wellington is reported to have once met a young clergyman who, being aware of His Grace's former residence in the East and his familiarity with the ignorance and obstinacy of the Hindus in support of their false religion, asked, "Does not your Grace think it almost useless and extravagant to preach the Gospel to the Hindus?" The Duke immediately replied, "Look, sir, to your marching orders. Preach the Gospel to every creature!"

—The Gospel Minister.

Oliver Wendell Holmes says: "Just so sure as you keep drawing out your soul's currency without making new deposits, the next thing will be: 'No Funds.' Soul deposits and checks must more than just balance if we are to be spiritually dynamic."

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"
1 Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.**Called and Accepted**

M. Ray McKay, Second, Little Rock, Ark.

J. B. Luck, full-time, Village, Ark.

Alfred C. Vansant, Lyndon, Ky.

Robert E. Naylor, First, Enid, Okla.

D. E. Richardson, Chisholm, Montgomery, Ala.

W. J. Dorman, Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, La.

George Edens, Union, La.

K. K. Corkern, Gilbert, La.

W. T. Tyson, Odessa, Fla.

C. E. Almond, First Eua Sallie, Fla.

J. Roy Clifford, First, Lexington, N.

Louis F. Kennedy, Sulphur, Ky.

Luther W. Woodward, Wisner, La.

T. H. Reeves, Eagleton, Ark.

Ed F. Harness, First, Ontario, Calif.

W. T. Hewitt, Delco and Cheerful

Hope, Columbus Association, N. C.

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Field of Churches, N. C.

D. M. Clemons, Baptist Temple,

Antioch, N. C.

John Rountree, Blanton, Trenton,

Atlantic Association, N. C.

A. G. Sargeant, Enderly Park, Charl-

lotte, N. C.

Fred E. Dabney, Temple, Henrietta,

N. C.

Richard E. Hardaway, Memorial,

Greenville, S. C.

C. M. Warren, Sylva, N. C.

Dean Elkins, First, Atlanta, Tex.

Bennie Pearson, Mallory Heights,

Memphis, Tenn.

E. Q. Wilson Grace, Clermont, Fla.

A. C. Abernathy, Riverside, Tampa,

Fla.

W. R. Lambert, First, Travelers Rest,

S. C.

Resigned

Reid Lunsford, Patton Avenue,

Asheville, N. C.

H. B. Mobley, Greensburg, La.

D. D. Smothers, Tresevant, Tenn.

A. L. Anlick, Central, Clovis, New

Mexico.

Frank Wood, Fairview, Joplin, Mo.

Dean Elkins, Turnertown, Tex.

W. S. Parker, Central, Southerland

Springs, Tex.

John W. Williams, San Diego, Calif.

John O. Hood, Pleasant Grove,

Tenn.

Mercer O. Clark, Cool Springs, Dover

Association, Va.

D. W. Bolton, Calvary, Manu, La.

G. Paul Starnes, Emmanuel, Shreve-

port, La.

J. Earl Lewis, Belmont Heights,

Tampa, Fla.

Louis F. Kennedy, Cross Keys, Ma-

con, Ga.

J. C. Sherwood, Cove Creek, Three

Forks Association, N. C.

C. R. Upton, Calvary, Canton, N. C.

James H. Stanley, Delco and Cheerful

Hope, Columbus Association, N. C.

A. G. Sargeant, First, Kings Moun-

tain, N. C.

Fred E. Dabney, Wilmont, Charlotte,

N. C.

J. Roy Clifford, Temple, Wilmington,

N. C.

C. M. Warren, First, Cowpens, S. C.

Richard E. Hardaway, Arcadia, S. C.

W. R. Lambert, Grace, Greenville,

S. C.

E. C. Abernathy, Flat River, Mo.

DR. DODD VISITS CALIFORNIA

M. E. Dodd, D.D., LL.D.

Shreveport, La.

I gave half of my summer vacation to work on the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade, and this cut short our annual visit to Southern California. But I was out there long enough to conduct an eight-day evangelistic meeting with Pastor Hermon S. Ray and the First church, Inglewood, to preach one Sunday at Temple church, Los Angeles, and to get in some deep-sea fishing.

During my days in Los Angeles, the C. I. O. labor organization held their state convention there. Their labor halls were raided by the police and several arrests were made for conducting "indecent shows," by parading nude women in men's meeting. The C. I. O. convention passed resolutions to educate all children in the principles of C. I. O. internationalism and to do it through teachers in the public schools and through Parent-Teacher organizations. The resolutions urged members to conduct "forums, meetings of entertainment, to use daytime radio programs in order to reach house-mothers, and to exert influence on newspapers."

And there we have a crusading program with all the zeal of a fiery evangelism. To me, that is the greatest challenge which confronts evangelical Christianity in our country today. The C. I. O. has a Russian-born background of pure materialism, atheism and anti-Christianity. It proposes now to bring America down to these ideas and to do it with an intensive crusading spirit.

Within the past twelve years they have gathered a membership of over five million. By conniving with high-ups in Washington they have been able to put down congressmen and other public officials here and there who were detrimental to their programs, and to put up others who would serve their purpose. They have raised a slush fund of \$5,000,000 with which to dictate the national election.

It is time for evangelical Christians and Baptists in particular, to wake up. God's alarm clock has struck and we had better rub our sleepy eyes wide open and go to work to win souls to the Saviour. It is my calm and studied judgment that the only thing which can adequately meet this rising menace and present challenge is a counter crusade of spiritual evangelism. In all the tragic tides of time, there never was such a demand for alert, aggressive soul winning as we have at this hour.

Our Centennial Evangelistic Crusade was undoubtedly timed in heaven for such a day as this. It behooves Southern Baptists to get a "good ready" (which old Philip of Macedonia was wont to say, is half the victory) for the most intensive and extensive Evangelistic Crusade of all their history, in order that they may meet this on-coming Armageddon for which the forces of materialistic atheism are lined up against all that is dear to the heart of every real Christian.

E. Q. Wilson, Calvary, Irvine, Ky.
Robert E. Naylor, Arkadelphia, Ark.
M. R. McKay, First, Topeka, Kans.

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A WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOAL FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. Every Mississippi Baptist Church sharing in the Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
8. A full-time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
12. Associational missionaries.
13. Mississippi Baptists out of debt.
14. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Missionary Union, and a Brotherhood in every church.
15. The Baptist Record in every home.

BR— A GOOD BOOK

We hope all who can will read Arthur Flake's new book, "Life at Eighty." It was reviewed in these columns some weeks ago. All who have known Arthur Flake will greatly enjoy it and all who have not known him ought to read it. For next to having known him, reading this book is the next best thing. We do not claim to know much about Sunday school work but he taught us more than everybody else put together.

BR— EDITOR ROUTH SAID IT BETTER

Editor Porter Routh of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger is telling the Baptists of Oklahoma the same thing that we have her-

aled all over Mississippi—that The Baptist Record will more than pay for itself. But he does it so much better than we have been doing it that we reproduce below his splendid editorial:

It does not cost anything to put the Baptist Messenger in the church budget. That may sound like a false statement but the testimony of pastors and laymen is that church members give more when they are informed about Kingdom work—and the Baptist Messenger is the best source of information. There are more than a hundred letters from Oklahoma churches in our files with the statement that increased church receipts more than made up for the cost when the Messenger was sent to every home. The actual expense is only two cents per copy per week when sent through the church budget plan.

More than 700 churches throughout Mississippi have tried the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record and not one has ever said that they did not like it. Many have testified to its value.

The cost is only 8 1/3 cents per family per month. At that small cost any church should at least try it.

To those churches that do not now have the EVERY FAMILY Plan we invite you to give it a trial for one, two or three months. If it does not then appeal to you there is no law to compel you to continue.

Now while making your new budget, include The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

BR— GOOD ADVICE

We heard Dr. Earle V. Pierce at the Lucedale Stewardship Conference. All who read this are hereby advised to try to attend one of the remaining conferences. Dr. Pierce and the whole program are outstanding.

BR— LET'S NOT LAG ON THE LAST LAP

Many ball games are lost in the ninth inning because the apparent winners felt over-confident while the ultimate winners kept going at full speed. The same is true of football games.

A generation ago in the Olympic games in London an Italian was far ahead in the marathon race but about two hundred yards from the finish line he became exhausted and ran backwards. An American, Johnny Hayes, who at that time was far behind, won the race.

Mississippi Baptists are now in sight of Debtless Land. Secretary McCall reports that we now owe approximately \$50,000. Let everyone of us keep putting all we can into the debt payment.

Many Mississippi Baptists have never known a debt-free denomination. With the goal so near let's not get over-confident.

Good works and high hopes pay

no bonds. Our dollars will. And most of the \$50,000 now due will be given by those who have been giving, so let us not weary in well-doing.

And remember the sooner we send those dollars we plan to give the sooner can the debt be wiped out.

We are planning really to rejoice when the debt is paid. But we sympathize with those who have had no share in helping Mississippi Baptists reach Debtless Land. When the celebration takes place they are going to feel very lonesome.

Let every Mississippi Baptist give something so all can honestly share in the joy of accomplishment.

BR— EDITOR TAYLOR'S SON GIVES ALL

The editor of The Baptist Record has no closer friend among Southern Baptist editors than Editor O. W. Taylor of the Tennessee Baptist and Reflector. With other Southern Baptists we sincerely sympathize with Dr. and Mrs. Taylor in the death of their son, Pfc. Charles B. Taylor, who made the supreme sacrifice in France on June 16.

All over our land day in and day out, mothers and fathers are receiving those dreaded death messages. Editor Taylor's editorial concerning the death of his son is a classic of its kind and should bring comfort to many bereaved mothers and fathers. Believing that Dr. Taylor's words will help others who have suffered as he has suffered we reproduce below his editorial:

Our Boy At Rest

Monday morning, July 17, a message from the War Department informed the editor and his wife that their son, Pfc. Charles B. Taylor, 20, had died in France, June 16, from wounds received in action June 14. So the little fellow (he was still a little fellow in his parents' love and affection) did not have to linger long and suffer long before he went to be with the Lord. For this his parents are grateful.

This was the first word we had received since the telegram July 1 and the confirmatory letter July 5 that the lad had been seriously wounded in action. And now the agonizing suspense is over. His parents know that all is well. Moreover, a nameless strength is given them to face the sorrow of these days.

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, He hath taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Charles Byron was a Christian. His father, at the request of the pastor, Dr. R. Kelley White, had the joy of baptizing him into the fellowship of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. Before he entered the service and since, he has several times

reaffirmed to us his faith in the Lord. Our beloved boy is "with Christ: which is far better." He is at Home in the truest and best sense. His parents and his brother weep, not because he is at Home, but because they cannot have his smiling face and cheery presence in his earthly home again. But all is well and we do not complain. The Christian can have the deepest pain and deepest peace and the deepest sorrow and the deepest joy all at the same time.

God bless all the loved ones and friends who have assured us of their prayers and sympathy and have done so many helpful deeds. God bless you all. We still request your prayers that we and his brother, Pfc. Wilburn L. Taylor, of the Army Air Forces (now facing overseas duty soon, it appears) may continue to react to these days of grief as Christians should. Our understanding sympathy goes out to others who are also passing through sorrow or may be called upon to do so. "There's a land that is fairer than day" and "There shall be no night there."

And with the morn those angel faces smile

Which we have loved and long since lost awhile.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

AN EMBARRASSING SPOT?

Many churches have cut the salaries of their pastors—through inaction. This is a shocking revelation in view of the generally higher incomes of church members.

Actually, failure to raise salaries has the effect of giving your pastor a cut. We urge our lay readers to consider that the earning power of most church congregations has risen from 20 to 60 per cent while living costs have soared proportionately.

Yet in many instances the preacher's pay remains the same. As a layman we commend to our fellow churchmen the wisdom of taking immediate action to adjust the pastor's compensation. Postponement of this matter, unless his salary be already adequate, is sure to leave your pastor in an embarrassing—perhaps even in a harassing spot.

—The Protestant Voice.

BR— MRS. J. F. TULL

Mrs. J. F. Tull, widow of the late Rev. J. F. Tull, died on Sept. 11th, at the home of her son, Nelson Tull, at Louisville, Kentucky. She was buried in the family lot at Magnolia, Mississippi, on Sept. 15th. Mrs. Tull left an illustrious family consisting of Mr. Nelson Tull, assistant pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, Mrs. Ralph Herring, wife of Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. Vernon Chalphant, wife of the pastor of the Methodist church of Springdale, Arkansas, Mrs. Herman Westmoreland, wife of the pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, and Major James Tull, chaplain in the air service who after two years as a chaplain in China is now station at Miami Beach, Florida. These noble children are the monument now left by a humble preacher and a devoted wife. The funeral services at Magnolia were conducted by Pastor Smith of Magnolia and Pastor Wyatt Hunter of McComb.

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ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES
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Glory Roll

(These churches have obtained more than the amounts asked of them.)

Skene, Mt. Moria (Calhoun), Indian Springs (Jones), Walnut Grove, Tupelo Calvary, Lowland (Leflore), Improve (Marion), Blue Mountain, Louisville, Pleasant Home (Jones), Vardaman, Carrollton, New Montpelier (Clay), Horse Shoe (Holmes), Shannon (Lee), Waxhaw (Bolivar), Smithville, Woodland (Pontotoc), Osborne Creek (Prentiss), Lexington, Lewisburg, Pickens, Center (Neshoba), New Augusta, Booneville, Dundee, Inverness, Walnut, New Albany, Wallerville, Mineral Wells (DeSoto), Sessums (Oktibbeha), Spring Hill (Pontotoc), McLain, Chalybeate, Dumas, Mizpah (Rankin), Pittsboro, Senatobia, Academy (Tippah), Hurricane (Attala), Wanilla (Lawrence), Swiftwater, McAdams, Learned, Midway (Lauderdale), Cold Springs (Covington), Mt. Oral (Jones), Hopewell (Scott), Baldwyn, Purvis, Sidon, Lyon, Sabougla (Zion), Raleigh, Harrisburg (Lee), Blue Springs (Union Co.), McCurtain's Creek (Choctaw), Providence (Yalobusha), Camp Creek (Lee), Pope (Panola), Lambert, Mt. Zion (Tishomingo), Pocahontas, Corinth First, Antioch (Jones), Holly Grove (Sunflower), Pleasant Hill (DeSoto), Bruce, Poplar Springs (Copiah), Nicholson, White Bluff (Marion), Hamblurg.

Added this week: West Point, Gallman, Leaf River (Covington), Darlove, Clear Creek (Marion), Mt. Gilead (Lauderdale), Catchings.

Honor Roll No. 1

These churches have obtained more than 75% of the amounts asked of them.)

Pine Grove (Clarke), Cary (Deer Creek), Leland, Loquin, Friendship (Wayne), Blythe Creek (Zion), Wesson, Mt. Carmel (Leake), Summerland (Smith), New Providence (Leake), Euclatubba (Lee), Chalybeate, Curtis Creek (Tippah), Gaston (Alcorn), Eddin's Memorial (Newton), Faulkner, Silver Creek (Walhall), Melrose (Yazoo), Bethel (Leake), New Salem (Carroll), College Hill (Calhoun), Progress (Perry), Fulton First, Heuck's Retreat (Lincoln); Adaton (Oktibbeha), Longview (Pontotoc), Duck Hill.

Added this week: Gatesville, Spring Hill (Copiah), Jackson First, Courtland.

Honor Roll No. 2

These churches have obtained more than 50% of the amounts asked of them.)

Arcola, East Salem (Greene), Clinton, Meridian Fifteenth Avenue, Greenwood First, Holly Springs, Ripley, Grenada, Beulah (Attala), Bethany (Bolivar), Providence (Calhoun), Enterprise (Clarke), Bethesda (Lowndes), Collins, Elizabeth (Deer Creek), Providence (Grenada), Yokena (Hinds-Warren), Sharon (Jasper), Anguilla, Sunrise (Leake), Emmanuel (Lebanon), Flora, Kilmichael, Prospect (Perry), Pontotoc First, Briar Hill (Rankin), Sardis (Smith), Woodland (Chickasaw), New Haven (Choctaw), Midway (Leake), Mt. Zion (Leake), Lawrence, Brooksville, Maben Birdie (Riverside), Florence, Edinburg, East County Line (Leake), Ingram (Lee), Bethel (Noxubee), Como, Big Springs (Yalobusha), Glenfield (Union Co.), Mt. Pisgah (Tallahatchie), Mt. Manna (Tate), Shiloh (Winston), Burnsville, Beulah (Union Co.), New Hope (Leake), Antioch (Alcorn), Oakland (Yalobusha), Sylvarena (Yalobusha), Hebron (Yazoo), Tillatoba, Tupelo First, West Corinth (Alcorn), Carthage, Cleveland, Bethesda (Oktibbeha), Sardis, Sledge, Rolling Fork, Flava (Greene), Toccopola, Batesville, Shelton (Jones), Mathiston.

Added this week: Ashland, Hernando, Pascagoula First, Oxford First, Slayden (Marshall).

Helpers' Roll

(These churches have obtained from 1% to 49% of the amounts asked of them.)

Bear Creek (Attala), Canaan (Benton), Boyle, Providence (Carroll), Amity (Chickasaw), Ackerman, Harmony (Clarke), Crystal Springs, Mt. Horeb (Covington), Belzoni, Lucedale, Biloxi First, Jackson (Griffith Memorial), Goodman, Bay Springs (Jasper), Calvary (Jones), Center Ridge (Kemper), Meridian First, Crooked Creek (Lawrence), Hattiesburg First, Bissell (Lee), Itta Bena, Fair River (Lincoln), Canton First, Crosby (Mississippi), Center Hill (Monroe), Bluff Springs-Neshoba, Conehatta (Newton), Elim (Noxubee), Self

Creek (Oktibbeha), Brewer (Perry), McComb First, Ecru, Steen's Creek (Rankin), Marks, Forest, Magee, Lorena (Smith), Indianola, Friendship No. 2 (Tallahatchie), Coldwater, Whitten Town (Tippah), Old Ham (Tishomingo), Fayette (Union), Old Oak Grove (Union Co.), Tylertown, Ellison Ridge (Winston), Yazoo City, Mathiston (Zion), Concord (Adams-Franklin), West Corinth (Alcorn), Kosciusko First, Calhoun City, Egypt (Chickasaw), Bethlehem (Choctaw), Quitman, Columbus First, Damascus (Copiah), Union Sr. (Covington), Greenville, Eudora (DeSoto), Agricola (George), Leakesville, Hardy (Grenada), Gulfport First, Antioch (Hinds-Warren), Cruger, Escatawpa (Jackson), Prentiss (Jeff Davis), Ellisville, Blackwater (Kemper), Abbeville (Lafayette), Meridian Highland, Bethel (Lawrence), Friendship (Leake), Calvary (Lebanon), Plantersville (Lee), Morgan City, Columbia First, Byhalia, Aberdeen, Coldwater, Newton, Macon, Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha), Starkville, Beaumont (Perry), Summit, Algoma, Brandon, Clarksdale First, Drew, Friendship No. 1 (Tallahatchie), Fellowship (Tippah), Belmont, Zion Hill (Union county), Mt. Carmel (Winston), Coffeeville, Anding (Yazoo), Cumberland (Zion), Lucien, Hinkle Creek (Alcorn), Flat Rock (Benton), Duncan, Houlka, Beulah (Choctaw), Shubuta, Mt. Olive (Covington), Hollandale, Shady Grove (George), Biloxi Second, Edwards, Durant, Montrose (Jasper), Bassfield (Jeff Davis), Fairfield (Jones), Clear Creek (Lafayette), Daleville (Lauderdale), Monticello (Lawrence), Glendale (Lebanon), Saltillo, Schlater, Brookhaven, Columbia East, Potts Camp, Liberty, Amory, Oak Grove (Neshoba), Beulah (Newton), Shuqualak (Noxubee), Corinth (Pearl River), Naville (Pike), Cherry Creek (Pontotoc), Antioch (Rankin), Darling (Riverside), Mendenhall, Fairview (Sunflower), Charleston, Tyro (Tate), Mt. Olive (Tippah), Fairview (Tishomingo), Union Church, Concord (Winston), Elam (Yalobusha), Black Jack (Yazoo), Eupora, New Salem (Adams-Franklin), Kossuth, Sallis, Hickory Flat, Merigold, Durma, Vaiden, Houston, Blythe Creek (Choctaw), Stonewall (Clarke), Pheba, Georgetown, Salem (Covington), Rocky Creek (George), Holcomb (Grenada), Bay St. Louis, Jackson Calvary, Tchula, East Moss Point (Jackson), Laurel First, DeKalb, Yellow Leaf (Lafayette), Goodwater (Lauderdale), Calvary (Lawrence), New Zion (Leake), Hattiesburg Main Street, Oak Grove (Lee), Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln), Galilee (Mississippi), New Prospect (Monroe), Linwood (Neshoba), Clarke-Venable (Newton), Crenshaw (Panola), Picayune, Bogue Chitto (Pike), Oak Grove (Scott), Sylvarena (Smith), Ruleville, Bethany (Tallahatchie), Harmony (Tippah), Sardis (Winston), Bentonia, Mantee, Natchez First, Rienzi, Rosedale, Rocky Mount (Calhoun), Van Vleet, Chester (Choctaw), Union (Clarke), Siloam (Clay), Hazlehurst, Seminary (Covington), Lake Cormorant, Pine Level (Greene), Pass Christian, Jackson Southside, West, Moss Point, Laurel Second, Scooba, Union West (Lafayette), Meridian 41st Avenue, Newhebron, Madden (Leake), Perkin, Sherman, Riverside, Money, Becker (Monroe), Bethlehem (Montgomery), Philadelphia First, Hickory, Concord (Noxubee), Sturgis, Good Hope (Panola), Richton, Silver Creek (Pike), Toxish (Pontotoc), Thrasher, Liberty (Rankin), Hollywood (Riverside), Lake, Braxton, New Home (Smith), Moorhead, Paynes (Tallahatchie), New Hope (Tate), Providence (Tippah), New Harmony (Union county), Calvary (Winston), Center Ridge (Yazoo), Harmony (Zion), Kosciusko Second, Beulah (Bolivar), Midway (Calhoun), Okolona, Clear Springs (Choctaw), Davis Memorial Jackson, Ovett, Taylor, Russell (Lauderdale), Oakvale (Lawrence), Salem (Leake), 38th Avenue Hattiesburg, Verona, Mt. Pleasant (Marshall), Union, Vernon (Noxubee), Liberty Hill (Panola), Brewer (Perry), Puckett (Rankin), Jonestown, Springfield (Scott), Taylorsville, New Hope (Sunflower), Cascilla, Pleasant Hill (Tippah), Ingomar, Good Hope (Winston), Concord (Yazoo), Fellowship (Zion), Meadville, Morrison Chapel (Bolivar), Spring Creek (Calhoun), Concord (Choctaw), Sardis (Copiah), Jackson, Northside, Montrose (Jasper), Laurel West, Oak Grove (Lauderdale), Oma (Lawrence), Standing Pine (Leake), Hattiesburg River Avenue, Pleasant Valley (Lee), New Sight (Lincoln), Hathorn (Marion), Ft. Adams (Mississippi), Longtown (Pan-

ola), Mt. Pisgah (Rankin), Lula, Lorena (Scott), Wilkinson Memorial (Smith), Sunflower, Philipp, Pleasant Ridge (Tippah), Poplar Flat (Winston), Water Valley, Rocky Springs (Yazoo), Pilgrim's Rest (Zion), Hopewell (Adams-Franklin), Providence (Bolivar), Slate Springs (Calhoun), Ebenezer (Choctaw), Shady Grove (Copiah), Raymond, Tchula, Pine Grove (Jones), Liberty (Lauderdale), Topeka (Lawrence), Thomastown (Leake), Wiggins, Mission Hill (Lincoln), Peach Creek (Panola), Magnolia, Oak Dale (Rankin), Tunica, Holly Ridge (Sunflower), Webb, Clear Springs (Yalobusha), Tomnolen, Fentress (Choctaw), Smyrna (Copiah), Terry, Sharon (Jones), Tuscola (Leake), Macedonia (Lebanon), Union (Panola), Pelahatchie, Union Chapel (Riverside), New Hope (Yalobusha), Walhall (Zion), Mt. Moriah (Choctaw), New Zion (Choctaw), Strong Hope (Copiah), Utica, Van Winkle, Sandersville (Jones), Union Ridge (Leake), Calvary (Lebanon), Lumberton, Star (Rankin), Shaw, Providence (Choctaw), Spring Hill (Choctaw), Weir, Shady Grove (Choctaw), Eastside, Daniel (Hinds-Warren), Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue, Friendship (Jones), County Line (Leake), New Prospect (Leake), Dixie (Lebanon), Carterville (Lebanon), Mashulaville, East McComb.

Added this week: Chunky, Wade Mission (Sunflower Co.), Dinan (Walhall).

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The many friends of Deacon and Mrs. I. L. Foster and their daughter, Wave Mary Ethel Foster of Prentiss will be glad to learn that she has earned opportunity for further study as a navy store keeper. She will transfer from Hunter College, New York, to State Teachers College, Milledgeville, Ga.

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A SUGGESTION



If your church has not obtained the amount asked of it for the Blue Mountain College endowment fund (W. T. Lowrey Memorial), why not:

1. Ask individual church members to make donations.

2. Take a church offering.

3. After the above procedures, if anything is lacking, place the amount in your church budget or pay it from the surplus in your church treasury.

Let us complete the Blue Mountain College endowment fund campaign by Convention time. The amount needed is \$49,022.00.

BLUE MOUNTAIN
COLLEGE ENDOWMENT
FUND CAMPAIGN

Frank L. Fair, General
Chairman

The Chaplain Serves —

Awards and Decorations

The services rendered by the chaplains in the theaters of operation have far exceeded what is normally thought of as a routine religious ministry. This service "above and beyond the call of duty" has been recognized by the theater commanders themselves in the form of awards and decorations.

By the end of 1943, according to the reports received thus far, 81 chaplains had been decorated and 4 additional chaplains had received citations. The awards received by the 81 chaplains are as follows, some chaplains having received more than one award:

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| Distinguished Service Cross | 3 |
| Croix de Guerre | 3 |
| Silver Star | 26 |
| Legion of Merit | 15 |
| Purple Heart | 39 |
| Soldiers Medal | 4 |

Of all chaplains on duty 1.2 percent have been decorated, or 3.0 percent of the chaplains in the theaters of operation have been decorated. H. R. Knickerbocker, Chief of the Chicago Sun Foreign Service, wrote from Fifth Army Headquarters in Italy, February 2, 1944, as follows: "The work of God is going forward on the battlefields of Italy today in spite of the devilry of an enemy who imposed this war on an unhappy world."

"It may surprise many Americans to learn that their Army Chaplain Corps has won more distinction in proportion to its numbers than any combat unit, including the air forces."

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An amount of money was set aside in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions to take care of a group of students to help in definite Home Mission work for the summer. These students were very carefully selected from a long list of those definitely interested in missions. Miss Nell Taylor, a graduate of Blue Mountain College and now a student at the Training school (this her first year) was one of those selected from our state. This article will help us see something of the work done.

New Project

It was a glorious privilege to be one of the seventy-two student missionaries sent by the Home Mission Board throughout the southland this summer. We were sent as messengers to help carry the "good news" where the needs were great. The Lord was gracious to seventy-two young people when He provided such a great opportunity for spiritual growth through actual missionary service.

My assignment was to the Indian fields of Oklahoma. On June 3rd six of us reported to Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of all Indian missions, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Several days were spent in conferences and in getting acquainted with the type of work we were to engage in. While there we visited the Indian Center of the First Baptist Church, which is under the direction of two fine Indian boys now attending Oklahoma Baptist University. As we witnessed this mission program in action, we were inspired and challenged for our work ahead.

On the way to my work among the Kaw tribe of northern Oklahoma, I spent the night in the A. Worthington home at Pawnee. To know these faithful missionaries to the Pawnee Indians is a blessing. It was a further joy to be associated with the daughter, Mrs. Alpha Marie Gambrell, who told me more about the interesting characters in her book, "Indian Blankets."

I arrived on Thursday and spent the remainder of the week visiting in the homes in the Indian village of Washunga, the home of the Kaw tribe. No Baptist work had been done among this tribe for six years, so no church existed and very little interest remained in things pertaining to it. Permission was granted to hold services in the Indian community house, a large stone building very suitable for meetings. Only seven attended the first Sunday morning service; eight came that afternoon. However, the Lord blessed with an increase from time to time, and on my last Sunday we had forty-five present for the preaching hour.

As is often the case, children afforded the medium through which much of the work gained ground. A two-week Vacation Bible school was held in spite of the extreme shortage of workers. Material help came from many sources, as a direct answer to prayer. On the last week of the Bible school, Rev. A. Worthington conducted a revival and did much personal work in the community. Commencement night brought a happy surprise to each child who attended the Bible school. A Junior Sunday school class

from my home church had sent a New Testament for each pupil, many of whom had never owned one before. What joy was expressed as each received his treasure!

Several weeks after the work at Washunga had been revived, the Lord provided further by touching the heart of a pastor twenty-five miles away. This person volunteered to come each Thursday night and hold prayer meeting services, thus affording the community its own contact with a preacher. These services proved unusually helpful and even now reports come to me of the good received as this faithful servant continues the weekly meetings.

Washunga is in what is known as "The Oklahoma Indian Baptist Association." As a missionary in that association, I was able to attend the annual B. T. U. assembly and the associational meeting, both of which met at Only Way Baptist Church. Truly it was an inspiration to spend those days in the presence of such consecrated people as attended these meetings. Such Indian leaders as Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Cooper, Wagon Iron, Solomon Kent, John Stonerode, Robert Falls were there and magnified the Master by their very presence. These, and many others are the worthwhile product of Baptist missions among our Indian friends. It pays rich dividends!

The Kaws need a full time missionary. No leader is left among them, and the work they have become interested in will cease to exist again if Southern Baptists fail to come to the rescue now. The prayers and gifts of Mississippi Baptists are needed in the interest of these and other Indians, many in our own state, who need Christ to save them and lead them into that more abundant life.

Sunbeam Focus Week

A letter from Calhoun City Sunbeam leader just must be shared with you. I do hope that many enthusiastic, faithful Sunbeam leaders planned wisely and well for this week.

Sunbeam Focus Week is over once again and if every Sunbeam Band had as good time as we did, things were really happening all over the state. First of all, our pastor gave us a real send-off in the Church Bulletin. He is really for the young people, as you already know.

On Monday we gave a short program at the opening of the business meeting for the W. M. S., then went out on the lawn and had an introduction to our mission study book, "Neighbors We'd Like to Know." We find it much easier to take a book during Focus Week, while we are meeting every day and everyone is interested. This year we are planning another book as soon as school begins, when the children can come from school to the church they attend much better, for we make announcements in the school rooms about Sunbeam meetings, as well as the other auxiliaries.

Tuesday we met in the home of a former Sunbeam leader, who taught two chapters from the book. Then from there we marched in twos to the church where the circle who fosters

us served us pink lemonade and cookies. By the way, I was about to forget to tell where we went after our study Monday. Mrs. Pryor, our young people's director, had gone on home from the meeting and was waiting on her big front porch, where she seated every one and served sandwiches, cookies and a drink—you know we had a good time.

Wednesday we met at the church at 3:30 to be loaded into cars to carry us to Pittsboro where we gave a program in their church and helped them organize a Sunbeam Band. It was a good program, we used the five ideals in pictures and words, in a playlet. A child with the word PRAYER and one with a picture of a child praying came out and stood while "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was played. Next the words "Bible Study" and a picture of two children studying the Bible, the music was "I Know the Bible is True." Then the words, "Mission Study" and a picture of two Chinese children, the music was "The Kingdom is Coming." Next the words "Community Missions" and a picture of a child in a wheel chair and two children bringing gifts and flowers, music was "Help Somebody Today." Last the word "Giving" and a picture of children taking the offering and giving gifts, the music was "Trust Me, Try Me, Prove Me." Of course we had other things on the program but in this we used ten children and it was very effective. We try to use all the children as often as possible. After we came back from Pittsboro we had a melon cutting on the church lawn.

Thursday the children came to my house for their meeting and we had asked a Y. W. A. to teach the remaining part of the book. Our Y. W. A.'s are so sweet and I think the children get a thrill having so many different teachers. After the meeting I brought out a gallon of ice cream and served it in cones, each one got two cones.

Friday we met at the church for our regular meeting and Sunbeams told the general assembly (of all our organizations) about the week. In our meeting that afternoon our "story teller" brought the story.

We think we had such a good time, as well as every Friday (regular meeting). We feel so keenly the leadership of the Lord. I was never so happy as I have been since I got into this work with all my heart. I have always loved church work but I feel keenly the responsibility that is mine in trying to lead these children.

Yours in His service,
Mrs. Curtis Goodson.

An Intermediate G. A. Organized at Brooklyn

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4, I met with a group of girls who were usually interested in having a G. A. organization in our church. After explaining carefully the purpose and work of a Girls' Auxiliary, each one was even more interested and wanted to be a member of such an organization. The following officers were elected: President, Olla Mae Anderson; vice president, Dot McGowin; secretary, Lucille Yates; program chairman, Emma Jewel Nelson; social

chairman, Nora Mae Yates, and community missions chairman, Nell Anderson. The girls are ready to start now on their forward steps. Mrs Charles Yates is to be their leader and they will meet each Friday.

Mrs. Fred Moseley.
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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE NEWS By M. P. L. Berry

The aim at Mississippi College is to develop its students mentally, morally, physically—and spiritually. Great effort is being made to interest them in church activities. College days should not only be profitable, they should be pleasant. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The B. S. U., under the direction of Benny Loyd, the assistant pastor, is putting out special effort to have wholesome entertainment every Saturday night for the young people. Other entertainments are given from time to time.

The first formal reception of this term was given last Friday night by the Hillman girls under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Riley, dean of women. The guests, including the civilian students, the navy students and members of the faculty, were greeted as they entered Adelia hall by a receiving line headed by President and Mrs. Nelson. The mistress of ceremonies was Miss Marie Skinner, church secretary. Miss Skinner was former secretary of the Vicksburg Baptist Church, and during her two years at Hillman, where she won highest honors, was secretary to the president.

Miss Skinner introduced the following students who performed: Misses Carolyn Dollarhide, Clinton; Rosalie Hayden, Vaughn; Delle Lovett, Morton; Jean Parker, Jackson; Helen Moffat, Laurel; Sue McWilliams, Hattiesburg; Willie May Kurz, St. Louis, and Lou Case, Canton.

Following the musical entertainment, the students were paired off as they left the auditorium for the well-lighted campus, in order that the guests might become acquainted. At five-minute intervals a bell rang and everyone changed partners. Punch and cakes were served on the campus throughout the evening.

On Thursday night, September 14, 1944, Dr. John Newport, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church and several Mississippi College students were guests at the Intermediate banquet at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. The following students were on the program: Heywood Cates, a naval trainee, sang "Sylvia" and "Courage," accompanied by Miss Hazel Chisholm of Jackson. Dewey Bennett, a ministerial student, accompanied by Miss Louise Shoemaker, gave Spanish interpretations of two songs, and Miss Lou Case, one of our most talented students, gave two readings. At the close of the dinner, Dr. Newport gave an inspirational address. Other guests from Clinton were Mrs. John Newport and Jack Newport, of the U. S. Naval Medical Corps, who has been visiting his brother, Dr. Newport, this week.

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Let's Make It Forty-five
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Lucedale

We had the privilege of attending the Stewardship Conference at Lucedale and not only was the conference very helpful, but to see the pleasing progress at Lucedale was most inspiring. From some of the members we learned that the church attendance is unusually good. The Sunday school work under Supt. Tom Doty is making fine progress. The W. M. U., Mrs. R. K. McMillan, president, is faithful and functioning and they have almost reached the standard. More is being given through the Co-operative Program than ever before. They have approximately \$23,000 in the building fund to be used when and if. The B. T. U. with Tom Patton as director is growing fast.

Record readers from George county are listed as follows: AGRICOLA 94; BARTON 59; LUCEDALE 71; ROCKY CREEK 54; SHADY GROVE 17.

Shiloh Is In

Shiloh church, Chickasaw county, is one of the latest to join the growing list of Baptist Record readers. We are grateful to Mrs. H. C. McCullough, Rt. 1, Houlka, who sent the list in.

Chickasaw county now has Record readers as follows: SHILOH 11; Amity 1; Houlka 2; Houston 21; Okolona 8; Pleasant Grove 7; Van Vleet 1; Woodland 2; EGYPT 10; MT. OLIVE 22; College Hill 1; UNION CHAPEL 21; PLEASANT RIDGE 17; SKUNE VALLEY 21.

Lauderdale County Church Adopts
EVERY FAMILY Plan

Mt. Olive church in Lauderdale county is one of the latest churches to be added to the EVERY FAMILY list. Miss Doris Taylor, secretary, has sent the list. H. R. Pitman is pastor and is to be commended for leading this good church in such a splendid way.

Griffith Memorial, Jackson

While Pastor L. W. Ferrell began a meeting at Tchula, C. J. Olander, pastor, we had the privilege of preaching at Griffith Memorial church. There was one addition.

Pastor Ferrell and Griffith Memorial members are rejoicing over the fact that after several years struggling with debt the church is now debt-free.

They have secured Raymond Marsten as educational director and minister of music. He comes from First church, Pascagoula.

The Training Union work at Griffith Memorial, Mrs. L. R. Williams, director, is outstanding.

This church is one of the few churches where the night congregation equals the morning crowd.

Hinds county Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHESDA 49; BOLTON 22; Byram 1; CALVARY 854; CHAPEL HILL 33; CLINTON 155; DANIEL 40; DAVIS MEMORIAL 97; Edwards 3; GRIFFITH MEMORIAL 354; JACKSON FIRST 453; LEARNED 14; NORTHSIDE JACKSON 107; PALESTINE 11; PARKWAY 171; POCOHONTAS 21; RAYMOND 59; SOUTHSIDE JACKSON 56; UTICA 63; NEW HAVEN 22; MT. MORGAN 16; VAN WINKLE 103; TERRY 49; SALEM 30; SIWELL 16; Midway 4.

Calhoun County Association

Calhoun County Association met with College Hill church, J. B. Dorroh. Three new churches were received: Second church, Calhoun City, R. B. Hicks, pastor; Rocky Branch, C. T. Smitz, and Mount Comfort (reorganized), R. A. Harvelle.

As always Calhoun county was most generous to the visiting state workers and made several changes in their program in order to benefit the visitors. All officers were re-elected: Moderator, B. Murphy; assistant moderator, A. F. Brasher; clerk, E. A. Dye; treasurer, T. B. Flanagan.

Calhoun county Record readers are listed as follows: BETHANY 73; Big Creek 2; BRUCE 136; CALHOUN CITY 121; College Hill 8; DERMA 56; Gaston Springs 2; MACEDONIA 14; Meridian 13; Midway 1; MT. MORIAH 58; Oak Grove 8; OLDTOWN 16; PITTSBORO 36; PLEASANT RIDGE 16; Rocky Mountain 2; Sarepta 1; New Liberty 12; Shiloh 4; Slate Springs 13; Spring Hill 1; VARDAMAN 75; Banner 2; Spring Creek 4; Bethel 4; POPLAR SPRINGS 30; VICTORY 17; Driver's Flat 7; Calhoun City, Second church 1; Parker 1.

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CHAPLAIN VISITS FORMER
CANNIBAL TRIBE

(Continued from Page One)

vited me to preach to the tribe the following Sunday.

Church Decorated With Pictures

No preaching engagement has ever been anticipated with more pleasure than that appointment to speak to the "Beulah Methodist Church." Immediately after my regular morning service on Sunday, November 21, I went by boat to the island. I walked down Cedar Road, the main street of the village, between evenly spaced, identical houses, the work of a tribe of Christian natives who would not live where the Japs were. As I stood in front of the church, I saw over the door a picture of an angel in white reading from a Bible which he held in his hand. Under the picture were the words, "God so loved the world."

Conducted by Daniel, I entered the church and took a seat on the only bench in the house, just behind the pulpit, beside Daniel and a visiting preacher who was a native from a nearby island. Behind the pulpit was a painting of Christ on the cross, the work of a native. Over the picture was a large cross made of gold with the serpent intertwined.

Presently I heard a melodious sound from outside. It was the church call being blown on a sea shell. The people began to enter the house. They were seated by the ushers on grass mats—the men to the right, the women to the left, and the children in front. There were about two hundred of them, covering the entire floor but leaving an aisle down the center. Seated there, cross-legged, looking up at the pulpit, they formed a very beautiful picture. Every woman, it seemed, had a baby in her lap.

Holy Spirit Was Present

When the song leader announced a hymn, the congregation stood, and with great ease, sang beautifully in four part harmony. The music was not like the plaintive melodies of our Southern Negro nor yet anything like our own music. The language of Roviana and the tunes were just as foreign to me. A male chorus sang; then a mixed chorus with several splendid boy sopranos. Daniel prayed a long prayer, and then read and expounded the Scripture. Though I did

not understand a word, I felt perfectly at home, for the pattern was familiar and the Holy Spirit was there as surely as in any service I have ever attended.

The visiting native preacher spoke first while the people listened with rapt attention. More singing followed. During a hymn I saw Daniel approach his wife and whisper in her ear. She nodded and left the house immediately. That, too, was comprehensible to a visiting preacher. The pastor's wife had gone home to prepare a dinner for the guest.

Daniel stood beside me, interpreting as I spoke. The natives understood a great deal of English but not enough to follow a sermon. I spoke briefly on John 3:16, trying to explain God's love for all men, all having been made of one blood. I stressed the plan for the regeneration of the world and the fight against evil, such as the war we are now engaged in. As I spoke, I thought, "What an opportunity to preach to these poor heathen!" That thought mocked me later in the day when I had the opportunity to ask Daniel what the native preacher had preached about. To my surprise he read the Great Commission in Matthew and had stressed their responsibility for witnessing for Christ to other nations that peace might come to this world.

Enjoyed Native Meal

After the service Daniel invited both preachers to go home with him for dinner. I was in a bad spot. I had been warned by our medical officer to carry my lunch and thermos bottle, leaving the native food strictly alone. On the other hand, being a preacher and a preacher's son, I knew what it would mean to refuse this invitation to Sunday dinner. I went and the Lord was with me. The dinner, served by Daniel's wife and daughter-in-law, consisted of sliced pineapple, boiled taro, yams, and papaya. We ate and talked, and the villagers came and stood around, talking unselfconsciously among themselves, sharing with the pastor's family the pleasure of entertaining the soldier missionary from America.

At dinner I learned that this tribe, whose chief, Joh, had left his apology for his absence that Sunday since he had an engagement to preach to another tribe on a nearby island, had been a cannibal tribe in constant warfare with neighboring tribes, eating their enemies and white people who fell into their hands. They had eaten several missionaries. I noticed that the older people had their ear lobes cut and stretched until they hung down in loops resting upon their shoulders.

In reply to my questioning, Daniel said, "That is a story. You see, there on the other side we were of the old religion, wearing ornaments in our ears and noses and eating missionaries. On this side, after we heard the story of Christ, we are Christians. We do not eat our ears, nor eat missionaries." I looked around the room. The younger people had normal ears. I looked into the eyes of those older men whose looped ears showed that they had once been on the "other side," and I saw there, not the fanatical light of cannibalism, but the true light of Christian brotherhood.

By the time we had finished eating, the house was filled. Finally an old man carrying a cane and wearing a bag around his neck came in and took his seat. Immediately he was the center of attraction, making the villagers laugh with one funny tale after another. Even I enjoyed the fun,

though I understood not a word he spoke. Presently, taking a bottle-shaped gourd from the bag which hung around his neck, I saw him mix some ingredients and put them into the gourd. Taking a long, slender stick, with a brush on one end (similar to a sweet-gum toothbrush or snuff brush I have seen used in the rural districts of the United States), he put something into his mouth and smiled with the pleasure of an addict. When I asked what it was that he was eating, Daniel said that he was eating betel nut. The betel nut is taken from a tree, and when mixed with lime and leaves, it makes a very potent drug. I was told that if he took too much of it, it would make him drunk "like American whiskey."

Presents Given and Received

Opening my musette bag, I distributed presents to the household—cigarettes for Daniel and the older men, a pipe for Timothy, Daniel's son, soap and face powder for the women, and candy for the children. Then Timothy presented me with a handsome walking cane he had started carving for me after my first visit to the island. It is of beautiful wood, inlaid with mother-of-pearl, with a cross in the end of the handle. I shall prize this cane as I lean upon it in my old age. The cane and the hand-carved battle-ax, I have recently sent home to my wife for safe-keeping. Timothy's wife gave me a bag of beautiful sea shells. Daniel and the others brought me fresh pineapple and papayas until each one had given me a gift.

My boat was to call for me at 3:00 p. m. Knowing that Daniel had announced a service for that hour I insisted that he go ahead with it while I waited on the beach alone. "No," he replied, "you are my guest and I want to be with you. We will blow the call to worship after you are gone." The entire tribe accompanied me to the beach, saw me safely afloat and waved to me until I could no longer see them, a group of faithful Christians, grateful for this little contact with the race that had sent them the Christian religion.

Within forty years this tribe of cannibals has become a civilized people. They are highly intelligent and very proud. They are as fervent in their Christianity as they once were in their cannibalism. Those early Methodist missionaries did not die in vain. Our chaplains and our enlisted men are seeing at firsthand the value of Christian missions. When the war is over, this information will give an impetus to missions that will exceed anything we have ever known. "Expect great things of the Lord; attempt great things for the Lord," should be our aim and our prayer.

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An installation service program entitled "Service Flag Installation Service," and prepared by Mrs. J. W. Marshall, is available upon request to the Sunday school department. This program portrays very beautifully the idea of a service flag with a blue star for Him who gave His life in this great battle of winning the world.

The Bon Voyage program for this year has been prepared by Mrs. Henry E. Love, of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, at the request of Philip Harris of the Sunday School Board. The title of the playlet is "Creative Living in a Chaotic World." This splendid playlet is planned to be presented before our young people get away for other activities of life. This program will be sent on request to the Sunday School Department.

Home Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

March, 1944

Joe W. Burton, Secretary of Education

Board Enlarges Work on Many Fields

Appointment of eight new missionaries by the Home Mission Board to enlarge its work in eighteen southern states and in Panama has been announced by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer.

Enlargement of the Board's city program, its rural missions, its Mexican and French activities, and its work in Panama was accomplished through the addition of these eight new workers, Dr. Lawrence said. The mission agency also approved the selection of twenty-five kindergarten workers among the Mexicans in Texas, the secretary announced.

Eight states are now included in the Home Board's co-operative rural mission work with state Baptist mission boards, according to Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary. Latest addition to this rural program is Alabama, he said, Rev. E. Raymond Dykes having been elected to work in Walker county in that state.

Thirty-six metropolitan areas are now included in the Board's city work, Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, superintendent, announced. Rev. E. L. Block was elected this week as superintendent of city missions in Springfield, Missouri, Dr. Dowis said. He also announced the appointment of Rev. William Tabscott for Negro work in Baltimore.

Nineteen Southern Baptist ministers have been commissioned as navy chaplains and seventeen as army chaplains in recent weeks, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work, reported. Seventy-six of more than eleven hundred Baptist chaplains have recently been promoted to captaincy, five to the rank of major, and three to lieutenant colonel, according to Dr. Carpenter.

The Board granted a year's leave to Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of Mexican work, because of ill health, Dr. Lawrence announced. Rev. Loyd Corder of Fort Worth was named as acting superintendent, Dr. Lawrence said, while Mrs. Moye, who will remain in San Antonio with her husband, will continue in mission work.

Offerings for the first eight months of this year indicate that total receipts in 1944 may reach a million and a half, Dr. Lawrence stated. Total receipts to date of \$904,027.86 represent a 32% increase over the \$684,765.56 total for the same period last year, he pointed out.

New missionaries include Miss Irene Anderson, San Antonio, and Mrs. I. E. Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, Mexican field in Texas; Miss Veda Franklin, Morgan City, Louisiana, French field; Rev. E. L. Brock, superintendent of city missions, Springfield, Missouri; Rev. William Tabscott, city mission work with Negroes, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. C. A. Todd, mission center, Baltimore, Maryland; Rev. E. Raymond Dykes, rural work, Walker county, Alabama; Rev. Jose Gomez Diaz, Panama.

A Prodigal Girl Did Go Home

By Clovis A. Brantley
Superintendent,
Baptist Rescue Mission

For the girl who becomes prodigal there is little help. Many who find it hard to try to make a "comeback" take their own lives. Thousands of girls are reported missing—these girls who never go home.

When a girl has gone so far, there is little hope for turning back unless there is help from someone. How often there is none!

At a state convention a pastor from whose church we had taken a girl who was to give birth to an unlawful child, said, "Miss _____ came during the invitation Sunday rededicating herself to the Lord. The folks at home did not know why she came. I did.

"Then last Wednesday night at prayer meeting, during a series of prayers, she prayed. She offered a prayer which would have warmed your heart, and which would have made you rejoice that she went to the Woman's Emergency Home in New Orleans in such terrible need. She did all this voluntarily, trying to build out of the wreckage a new life," he concluded. A prodigal girl did go home.

The Home Mission Board helps this to happen through its Woman's Emergency Home, a division of the Baptist Rescue Mission. Pray for the workers.

This work is supported by the Annie Armstrong offering.

Dr. Rankin Expresses Appreciation

Those who attended Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 9-16, had a rare privilege. It is seldom that we have such a uniformly strong program in any of our assemblies.

The Home Mission Board confronted its task in terms of the Christian mission in tomorrow's world. A large number of the most able and effective leaders in our Convention were on the program, and the challenge and vision which they held up before us gave us courage and confidence as we confront the needs before us in tomorrow's world.—M. T. Rankin.

73 Conversions in Vacation Bible Schools

By W. D. Baker,
City Mission Superintendent

We had a total enrollment of 559, with an average attendance of 361 in the ten Vacation Bible schools in Fort Worth. There were 73 conversions, 32 of whom joined the church.

In all of these schools we had Beginner, Primary, and Junior classes. In four of them we had Intermediate classes, also.

Only eternity will reveal the good that has been done in these schools during the summer. We will always be indebted to the 70 workers who gave three hours a day, making a total of 2100 class hours. Many of them worked in the sun with no protection from the heat. One school was conducted in an abandoned milk house; three schools were conducted under tents made of feed sacks.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to the Home Mission Board for providing a worker all summer who gave all his time to these Bible schools and mission revivals. Bill Baker, college student and son of the superintendent, was secured to do this work.

Chaplain Sees Need in Nevada

A Southern Baptist chaplain, stationed in a section where he reports there is no organized work of any description, has undertaken mission work in that area.

Writing from his post in Nevada, Chaplain Henry L. Lyon of the Tonopah Army Air Field, states that there

are no services in nearby Goldfield except those which he conducts in a community church. These services in the community church are in addition to his five Protestant services each Sunday on the post.

"Many of the married men live in Goldfield with their families, and our single boys frequent the town," Chaplain Lyon states. "Only Catholic services are held in this town."

"We are in the midst of a great spiritual opportunity. I had fifteen professions of faith in my service last Sunday."

Chaplain Lyon was recently promoted to captain. Seventy-six Southern Baptist chaplains of the more than eleven hundred now on duty, received the same promotion recently, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work. Five Southern Baptist chaplains have recently been promoted to major, and three to lieutenant colonel.

Chinese Girl Seeks God

A 17-year-old Chinese girl is being helped to find the Lord, according to Miss Mary Etheridge, missionary to the Chinese in El Paso.

"She has nothing in her home life or background conducive to Christianity," writes Miss Etheridge. "She is seeking to find God. She is not convinced yet, but she is interested."

Many Jane Wong lives with her father and little brother down in Chinatown. "She is brilliant," says Miss Etheridge, "and asks the most philosophical questions I think I ever heard a young girl ask."

Because of erroneous teachings earlier in her life in China and infant baptism at the hands of another church, she is quite confused, according to Miss Etheridge. The missionary is convinced that if the girl sees the truth for herself, she will be strong enough to come out and take her stand.

"It's All Clear Now," Says Convert By Ebie McGee, Missionary in Louisiana

I was told about a man who was incurably sick and who also was lost. He did not believe in the hereafter. I went to him and found that the word I had received was true. I began talking to the man about his condition.

I asked him if he would pray and he would not, but consented for me to pray. After prayer I explained to him the plan of salvation. When I had finished he turned to me with tears in his eyes and said, "I see."

"Do you see the way?" I asked. "Yes," was his reply. "I am now ready to go to meet my Lord. It is all clear now," he said.

I saw the tears, and saw the lips moving in prayer from a so-called atheist.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Martha Sue Thomas, who died August 9, 1942. On a beautiful Sabbath morning, God, in His unfailing wisdom, saw fit to call our darling home.

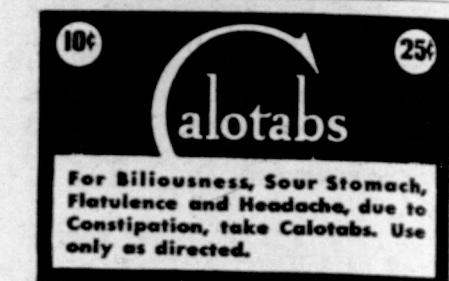
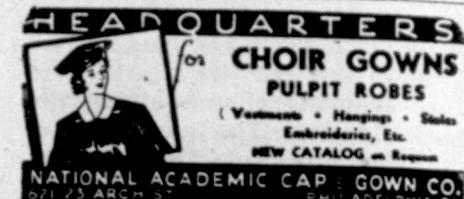
We miss her sweet presence here, and although it was hard to give her up, we know that God never makes a mistake, that He had need of her in heaven. Our loss is heaven's gain. Our hearts still ache and we long to see the sweet smile we loved so well. We cannot call her

back, but we can go where she dwells and our daily prayer is that she will be a guiding light that will lead us all home.

We have nothing but beautiful memories of her brief sixteen years of her life. She was a good, obedient daughter and loving sister. She united with the church at the age of 12 and just a few days before her death she united with the Baptist church at Rome.

Sadly missed by father, mother, brothers and sisters.

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A MAP STUDY

Mississippi Baptist State Missions

Mississippi Baptist Statistical Summary 1943

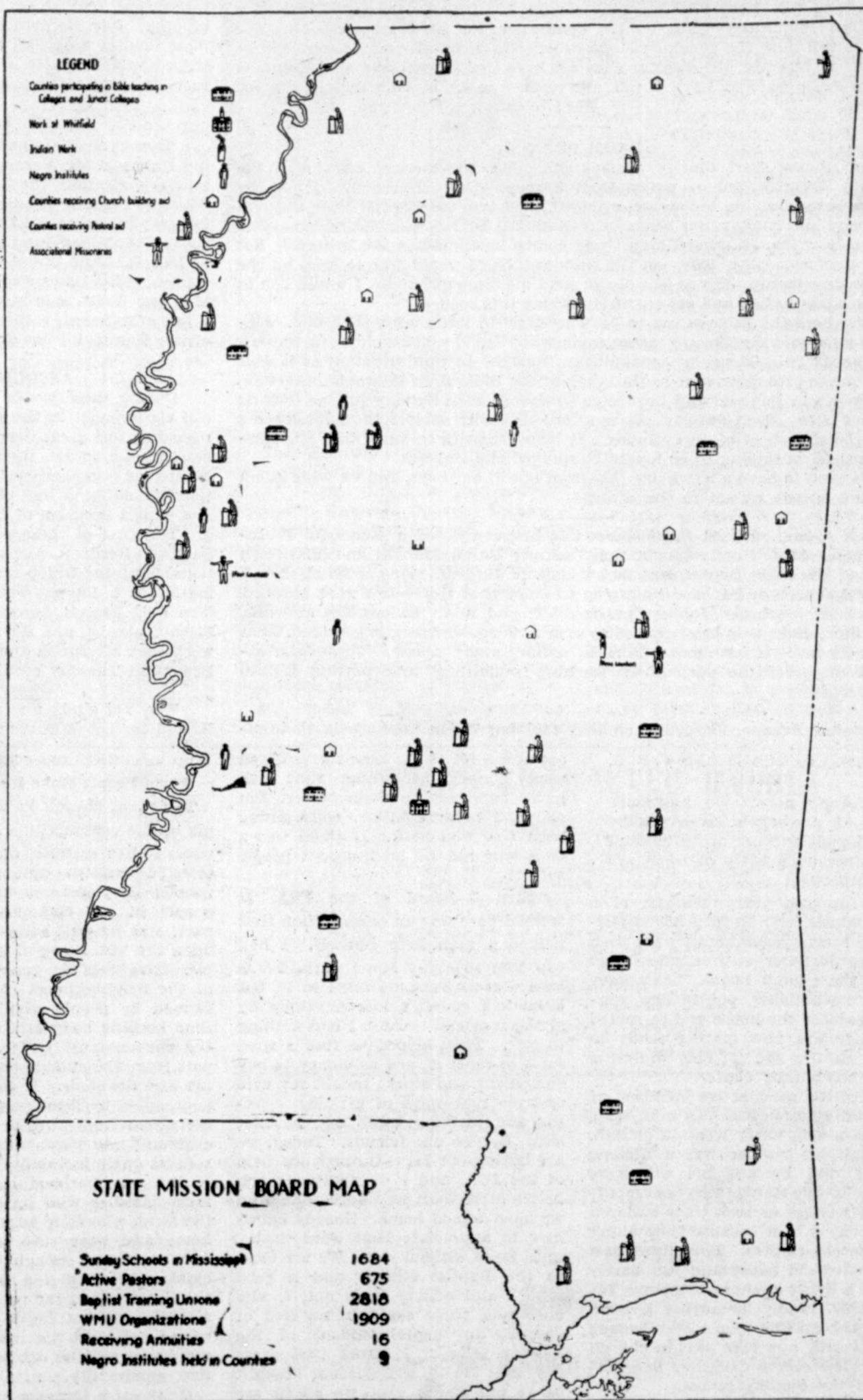
BY E. P. ALLDREDGE

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| Associations | 71 |
| Churches | 1,571 |
| Ordained Ministers | 1,071 |
| Baptisms | 11,693 |
| Church Membership | 307,817 |
| Sunday Schools | 1,684 |
| S. S. Enrollment | 140,298 |
| B. T. U. and Story Hour | 2,818 |
| B. T. U. and Story Hour Enrollment | 40,442 |
| W. M. U. Organizations | 1,911 |
| W. M. U. Contributions | \$240,099.65 |
| Church Houses | 1,522 |
| Pastors' Homes | 272 |
| Value Church Property | \$10,421,123 |
| Gifts—Local Purposes | \$2,195,351.04 |
| *Gifts—Missions and Benevolences | \$745,505.75 |
| Total All Gifts | \$2,940,856.79 |

*Monies actually received at Convention Board Offices and checked by auditor.

State Mission Budget 1944

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| Church Buildings (Evangelism) | \$ 4,250.00 |
| Negro Work | 2,400.00 |
| Indian Work | 600.00 |
| Evangelism (Salaries and Expenses) | 12,400.00 |
| B. S. U. Work | 5,000.00 |
| B. S. U. Secretary | 4,000.00 |
| B. T. U. Department | 8,000.00 |
| S. S. Department | 10,000.00 |
| Historical Society | 100.00 |
| Evangelistic Conference | 1,500.00 |
| Ministers Retirement | 11,500.00 |
| Ministers Retirement Office Help | 750.00 |
| Board Employees Retirement (also expense) | 9,000.00 |
| Convention Expense | 250.00 |
| Fixed Expense | 300.00 |
| Board Meetings | 1,200.00 |
| Week of Prayer and S. S. | 800.00 |
| Tracts and Advertising | 1,000.00 |
| Stewardship Conferences | 600.00 |
| Whitfield Worker | 400.00 |
| Reserve Fund | 10,000.00 |
| W. M. U. Department | 13,250.00 |
| Pastoral Support (Evangelism) | 11,000.00 |
| Soldier Work | 7,000.00 |
| Two Evangelists (paid by private funds) | 6,100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$121,400.00 |



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Baptist Training Union

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THIS WEEK AND NEXT

This is the week before the last Sunday in the month. All officers for your union have been elected for the next term, we trust, hence this is the time to get the officers together and make up the groups and committees. This organization will be presented to the union next Sunday night and NEXT WEEK you will have your monthly council of officers with each committee chairman submitting plans for his committee for the coming month. The director will have the general council of officers of which your council will be a part. If, however, the director does not have the general council your union can go right on and have theirs and thus qualify in this regard for the standard.

FROM FRANCE

Cpl. Robert Earl Shirley (before going into the service, director of the Shubuta Training Union) writes from France: "Dear Brother Wilds: A few months before leaving for overseas duty, I went into the Baptist Book Store in Richmond and bought four books to read on the boat during the voyage. One of these was the Training Union study course book, 'What We Believe.' Not much chance to stay 100% on the standard but I would like to keep up the study course points. If you will please send me some questions, I would like to take an examination and get credit for taking this book."

Over here the Bible seems to be 'The Book' in more ways than one. Fiction, novels, and the like are rather common but good religious literature seems to be about nil. There are advantages, though, in that situation as it does cause one to give more time to the study of the Bible than he would otherwise.

"People in England and France go to church each Sunday just as they do in the States. Each Sunday morning one is really subject to homesickness when the church bells start ringing. It helps, though, to know that the spiritual war is continuing to be fought in spite of physical war."

It's good to have a letter like this from one of our boys, and we wish him a safe and speedy return to the States.

28th Avenue church, Hattiesburg, has just completed a successful Training school. Mrs. Morris taught the Training Union Manual and Miss Ruth Loftin of the State Department had a class of Juniors. This is Hattiesburg's youngest church and it is encouraging to know that thirty-two were enrolled for their first school. Junior, Intermediate, and Adult Unions are at work, and a Story Hour is to be organized as soon as adequate space is provided. Miss Loftin reports: "I have never been in a finer study course. Those who attended came for the purpose of learning something and putting it into practice."

* **Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg, studied Training Union methods** in their re-

RURAL CHURCHES AND F. S. A. SERVICE

(Editor's note: We reproduce part of an article on a subject Mississippi Baptists are interested in, since a majority of them are rural people.)

For the past year, members of a small Baptist church in a South Mississippi farming community have been working together enthusiastically to repair the church house. They have cailed the building, put in new windows, painted the house and re-roofed it. They are now getting ready to install electric lights. This church is a real community center.

One of the most active members of the building committee is a man, who, ten years ago, never went to church. Although his mother was a lifelong Baptist and he and his wife were reared in the faith, they never attended services or took their children to Sunday school because they didn't have decent clothes. They lived in a dilapidated old house and just barely earned a living as share-croppers. Today, this family is buying a farm home with an FSA loan. All members of the family now take part in church work. The oldest daughter is secretary of the Sunday school.

From another county in Mississippi, a farmer writes as follows:

"A few years ago I lost everything I had. We had been making a good living when my wife got sick. It took everything we had to pay the hospital bill. We had to sell our farm home. I tried everything I knew to get back on my feet but nothing turned my luck. My children's clothes were worn

out and a lot of the time the children were hungry, something that had never happened to them before. I'm afraid I became bitter, condemning both God and man. If there was a God, why did He let innocent people suffer?

"Then I heard of the FSA. It seemed here was an organization that helped a man help himself. I had run into so many stone walls, I was sure there was some trick to it, but I knew I couldn't lose anything by giving it a trial because I had nothing to lose. They helped us find a good farm to rent; loaned us money to buy equipment and stock; taught my wife and me new ways of canning, cooking and farming; and last, but not least, they're our friends. Today, we are buying our farm through the help of the FSA, and it is really a much better farm than we had before. And we have a good home. Nobody knows how to appreciate that word 'home' until he is without one. We are close to the Baptist church and a good school, and believe it or not, I, who once said there could be no God of Justice, am superintendent of the Sunday school. I thank God every day that He in His Wisdom brought us to our knees that we might see Him more clearly. We are also thankful that in this wonderful land of ours there is an organization such as Farm Security to help people such as us."

The foregoing stories have their counterpart in rural communities all over the South. They show the close relationship between the well-being of the farm family and the family's ability and willingness to take leader-

cent training school. The Intermediate Union was happy to have Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of First Vicksburg as the teacher. The Young People were taught by Miss Louise Hill of the State Training Union Department, and the Adults met with Auber J. Wilds, state Training Union secretary as their teachers. The Juniors had a special course of story and song led by Mrs. Doherty. An interesting feature of the program was the closing devotional period each evening. Rev. Herman Millner of Star was the speaker each evening, bringing most helpful messages to the entire group. Pastor Jack Cranford was right there "pitching." He is a great leader and believes in his people, desiring for them the best in teaching and training.

Mt. Vernon in Newton County Organizes

Thanks to Miss Opal L. Davis for the report of the newly organized Training Union in Mt. Vernon church, Newton county. They start off with a five unit organization, the Story Hour with Misses Jennette Harris and Kathleen Walls as leaders; Junior Union, Mrs. Jim Davis and Miss Cleo Walker as leaders; Intermediate Union with Mrs. Honnie Kennedy and Mrs. Lula Harris as leaders; Young People's Union with Mrs. Alma Tisdale and Mrs. Frank Walls as leaders; Adult Union with Mrs. Clarence Gibson and Mrs. Emma Coker as leaders. Miss Davis was elected as director; Miss Virginia Reynolds, secretary; Mrs. Jim Davis, chorister; and Mrs. Maud Jones, pianist. They start off with a full enrollment, a fine spirit, and a desire to have a standard union. Each officer is studying his duties and planning his work.

ASSOCIATIONS ARE BEING RE-ORGANIZED

During these weeks the Training Union force is busy holding many special conferences in the associations in the interest of giving out information regarding our great denominational program for 1945 and also in helping the associations to get their organization in better shape for the task ahead. Where the organization is intact it is but a goodwill visit. Where the organization has suffered loss of officers suggestions are made to select new workers and plan a program of extension.

The first of these conferences was held by Miss Hill in Perry county on Sunday afternoon, August 20. It proved to be a good meeting. The associational Training Union had not functioned for a year or more, but at this meeting Mr. V. L. Bassett was elected director; Mr. Grady Koen, associate director; Mrs. V. L. Bassett, secretary; Mrs. Baylis Overstreet, chorister; Miss Mary Sue Mathis, pianist, and Rev. W. E. Winstead, pastor-advisor. They went right to work that afternoon and planned for their first meeting which was held in Beaumont Tuesday evening, August 29.

Why not study a mission book in your union this month! See last week's Record for list of books for each department.

ship in church and community life.

Farm People Make Rural Church

The rural church is the farm people of the community. It serves best when it has capable, dependable, interested leaders among the farm people. It flourishes when all farm people in the community can take part, and its well being is dependent upon the well being of the farm people. It reflects the general prosperity of the neighborhood. If the land is farmed by people who have a hard time keeping body and soul together, the church must either receive support from the outside or fall into disuse and disrepair. If the community is occupied by farm people who move every year from farm to farm or from community to community, the church reflects their instability and poverty. If the neighborhood is made up of farm families who have security on the farm, who raise adequate living at home and have surplus products to sell, who earn enough to keep their children in school and to contribute to the church, then the rural church has stability and strength and life. It serves not only the immediate community, it reaches out to help beyond that community....

Many farm families have failed because of poor health which is both the cause and often the tragic result of poverty. Urban poor have the advantage of clinics and charity hospitals and, in peacetime, of many well-trained physicians. Others failed for lack of initial investment funds and lack of training in skilled farming. Farm families, often times, have trouble getting to a doctor and they

hesitate to call a physician when they are unable to pay him. The result is that neglect makes major cases out of minor illnesses. There are other factors in rural poverty such as transportation and marketing and schools and churches and leadership, but the key to the problem is the rehabilitation of the individual family. Small farmers can turn to the FSA for many kinds of assistance. The family may obtain an operating loan which will enable them to buy livestock, workstock, farming machinery, canning equipment and other capital goods required to operate the farm.

Nearly 3,000 farm families are buying homes through F. S. A.

The men and women employed by Farm Security in Mississippi are, with very few exceptions, natives of the state. They have farm backgrounds. Most of them are graduates of Mississippi colleges. They are trained in farm and home management and well informed on the special problems of low-income families in this state. A committee of four well-known farmers in each county assists the supervisors in directing the program in the county. Familiar with the needs and problems of low-income farm people in the county, members of this committee render valuable assistance to the program.

The Farm Security program has been in existence since 1937 and has given assistance to 43,196 Mississippi farm families. They increased their net worth from an average of \$443 per family for the year prior to making their FSA loan to an estimated average of \$1200 to \$1500.—Marguerite Gilstrap.

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Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

October to October!!

Beginning the first of October all standards will run from the first of October to September 30. This makes all of them for the uniform time and will make it easier to keep in mind just the year each is to run.

This is a decision that was reached by Sunday School Board and state secretaries at Ridgecrest in July.

Heretofore, the general school standard has run by the calendar year, and the class and department standards by the Sunday school year. Hereafter, all standards—class, department, and general—will run by the Sunday school year, namely October 1-September 30.

This means, then, that all schools that get listed on this year's standard group will have to make their applications so as to be recognized by September 30, which is only about two weeks away.

We are happy that this change has been made because it makes the general standard run for the general Sunday school year, like the class and department ones have heretofore.

Therefore, if you want your school recognized as standard for the year ending September 30, it will be necessary to get your application to us at once. All applications received on or after October 1 will be recognized on the new year, beginning October 1.

New Diplomas Ready

The new Sunday school diplomas are now ready and all requests received from now on will be filled with the new diplomas.

In order to give more complete recognition to people who pursue their Sunday school study course work right on after they have received their gold seal, a plan has been worked out whereby this can be done by the use of three diplomas with red, blue and gold seals for each.

The first of these three diplomas, or the one that we have been having since October, 1934, is called the Worker's Diploma. After the gold seal has been received for this diploma, and as the worker continues completing other books, there is the Advanced Diploma, which also has spaces for the three seals. Then, for still further work, there is the Master Diploma with spaces for three seals.

The reason for this was the fact that a great number of our people over the South have completed many books beyond that of the gold seal credits. This plan will give them thorough credit and recognition for all the advanced work any one wishes to do.

No Change

Of course, all diplomas and seals earned since October, 1934, the date the new course began, stand and will be recognized in every way just as they have been during these ten years. There is no change whatever in the matter of recognition of diplomas and seals earned during this time.

There has been a little change made in the matter of just what books will be counted hereafter in a few places in diploma and seal credits. A new leaflet giving these few changes, all the books in the study course as it now stands, and the plan for the three diplomas as suggested above are now ready for distribution and we shall be glad to mail you one, or several, on

request.

Also, the age limit for Sunday school credits is now 15, and six periods are required to be attended instead of seven as heretofore in study course classes. All these things are for the purpose of aiding the general training program of our Sunday schools, and we feel they will do it.

The Neshoba Campaign

We have gathered nearly all the facts and figures on our recent Neshoba county Sunday school enlargement campaign. A few reports not yet received keep it from being 100%.

From these figures we find the resident church membership of these churches cooperating in the campaign to be about 1,500; Sunday school enrollment, 1,100; prospects, nearly 2,500; new classes organized, 40; new workers enlisted, 75; new Cradle Rolls organized, 9; new Extension departments, 11; number unsaved, 800 total number training course awards, 365.

The fact that large numbers of new units were organized in those schools, and that many additional officers and teachers were enlisted, means that new pupils will be enrolled for Bible teaching. New classes, additional workers, and visitation are three of the major means of reaching new people for our Sunday schools.

Philadelphia Juniors

Every class in the Junior department at Philadelphia was standard for the third quarter, ending June 30. This is a very unusual record indeed, and is mighty good evidence of the leadership and work these classes and the department are getting. These classes are: Mary's, Mrs. B. E. Walker, teacher; Wide Awakes, Mrs. Zola Hathaway; Willing Workers, Mrs. Joab Langston; Good Workers, Miss Laura Green; Boyd Cadet Corps, Mr. J. E. Fields; Busy Bees, Mrs. John Wilson; Loyal Soldiers, Miss Frieda Mae McCullough; His Followers, Miss Eliza Crews; Up Streamers, Mr. J. B. Foster.

Miss Zula Walton is the superintendent of this fine department.

Congratulations all!

May It Be Great

Next Sunday is the closing one of this year. May it be a great one in every school. It is also Promotion Day, and with that feature as such an important one, together with the fact that it is the closing Sunday of the year, should add up to make it a great day indeed. We hope so and our very best wishes to every school in the effort to make the closing Sunday of the year all that it should be, both in closing out the old year as well as in a great forward look for an even greater new year.

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Moderator Owen Williams is making a special appeal for a large attendance at the meeting of the Hinds-Warren Association October 5 at First church, Vicksburg. He also extends an invitation to all.

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MRS. PAUL GATES

NEW SECRETARY IS SECURED

Mrs. Paul Gates has been employed as financial and general church secretary of the First Baptist Church in Gulfport. She has been an active worker in the church since coming to Gulfport in 1934, and is now serving as counselor of Sunbeams, president of the Bethany class and mission study leader in her circle of the W. M. U. Mrs. Gates, a graduate of Southern Business College, Jackson, has had a number of years of business experience, serving six years as private secretary, four being spent as secretary to the chairman of the State Tax Commission. She served as secretary in the office of the U. S. engineers at Keesler Field, and one year at the U. S. Naval Advance Base Depot as private secretary and office clerk.

Mrs. Gates is familiar with the church program, having served as cir-

CATCHINGS AND CARY PASTOR RESIGNS, WILL ENTER B. B. I.

E. Y. Soileau has resigned as pastor at Catchings and Cary and moved to New Orleans where he will study at B. B. I.

Although pastor at Cary for only a short time Pastor Soileau has done an excellent work at Catchings during his pastorate of almost six years. Cooperative Program receipts have increased; an all inclusive unified budget has been adopted; a church debt paid; a modern pastorum erected and paid for; a Butane gas system has been installed in both church and pastorum and a treasury surplus accumulated. Additions both by baptism and letter have been frequent.

Both churches offered Rev. Soileau the privilege of attending B. B. I. and continuing as pastor but he felt that they were able and would support a strong man on the field.

Concerning his work Mr. Soileau says, "My stay in the association was a most pleasant one. We have a fine group of pastors. I am leaving two of the finest churches in our state." —BR—

Six-year-old: "I don't think Auntie will stay; she didn't bring any luggage." Eight-year-old: "But look how long baby has stayed, and he didn't bring anything."

cle leader for three years, and mission study leader for two years. During her residence in McComb, Miss., she was mission study leader and program chairman, and an active member of the Mother's Club and the Dorcas Club. She has served in Vacation Bible school work and other phases of church life. Mrs. Gates is the daughter-in-law of Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss.

TIME'S CHARACTER GAUGE

John D. Freeman

Using 2 Peter 1:5-7 as a basis, Dr. Freeman discusses simply and concisely the basic elements of a perfect human character. Clearly and engagingly he presents them in such a way as to encourage every reader, regardless of age or condition, to undertake the "mighty task of growing in the graces that make for strength and symmetry of character." Sound, readable, idealistic yet practical, this is a book you will be glad you have read. And it's

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THE LITTLE BAPTIST

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she been all her life mistaken? Instead of following God's truth, had she been only following the creeds of men? Was Mellie's conclusion indeed correct, that the Bible is a Baptist book? Such questions as these passed hastily through her mind. She here resolved to study the Bible more thoroughly than she had heretofore done, and by God's assistance to follow its teachings.

Like thousands of others, she had trusted the opinions of fallible men, instead of going directly to the fountain of all truth to learn her duty. Mellie's argument had paved the way for this decision, yet it might never have been fully reached had not her pastor's visit resulted in a further shaking of her faith in the creed of her church.

The little book that Dr. Farnsworth gave Mellie, proved, on examination, to be a defense of the practice of the Pedobaptists, and was considered as a masterly argument, both for the infant rite and for sprinkling and pouring as the action of baptism. Mellie devoted all her spare time to the book until she had reached the end. But, while reading it, she kept her little Bible by her side, and would turn and read all the references given, so that when she had gone through comparing the teachings of one with the other, she had also learned much in the Bible, and the result was her confidence in it as a Baptist book was not in the least shaken.

Her mother said but little to her concerning the new book, because she thought that as Mellie was so quick to observe every expression in the Bible favoring the Baptist ground, if this work was conclusive against it, her quick perception would enable her to discern it. But one day Mellie said, "Mamma, what do you think Dr. Farnsworth gave me this book for? I've read it all, over and over, and it talks all the time about baptisms, covenants, dedications and sealing ordinances, and I can't see the point."

"Why, my dear," answered Mrs. Brown, "I thought that you had been studying the subject until you could understand all about baptism."

"Yes, yes, mamma, I can understand it in my Bible—it's so plain there. It's not mixed up with all these things about circumcision, covenant and sealing ordinances—and a dozen things that nobody can see any reason in. I believe that the man who made this book did it just to confuse people's minds, so as to keep them from understanding the Bible. Mamma, I don't want to believe anything that needs so much explanation and mystification. So I will just believe my Bible, for I can understand a good deal of it now, and I'll keep on trying to learn more about it. The Bible is God's book, and all He has put into it is right; and if Dr. Farnsworth meant what he said when he preached about the duty of people to do as God commands them, why doesn't he want them to learn from God's book, and not be giving them books that some man has made so mysterious that they can't understand them? I don't like a book that tries to explain away the plain words of my Bible. I guess that God knows just what He wants us to do, and tells us so plainly that we can understand it."

Mrs. Brown suggested to Mellie that, perhaps, she was too young to understand all these things correctly, and advised her to let the subject rest until she was older, and to employ her time on her schoolbooks, telling

her that it would not be long until she must go off to school.

When school was mentioned, Mellie replied:

"That will just suit me, mamma; papa said I must stay at home one year, and then I should go to school two years. I guess it is nearly time for me to go. I wish papa would let me go to the country to school. I love to stay in the country where I can see the trees and birds, and the pretty wild flowers; and where I can gather berries and fruits, like I did when Buddie and I went to Aunt Julia's last summer. O it would be so nice! Won't you persuade papa to let me go to the country to school?"

The entrance of Laura Thompson and her mother put a stop to the conversation, and while Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Thompson engaged in a regular chat, Mellie and Laura took a walk, first in the garden, then to see the young chickens, and finally back into the library. In looking around the room, Laura soon discovered Mellie's new book on baptism, and began to turn the leaves and to examine its contents. Mellie told her about Dr. Farnsworth giving it to her, and the opinion she had formed of it, and her determination to stick to her Bible.

"Well, I declare, Mell," said Laura, "here's that little 'Baptist Bible' that you used to read in at school. I hope it will make a little Baptist of you some day, sure enough. You know that we girls treated you rudely about your little Baptist Bible, as you called it, but we were all ashamed of it afterwards. But, Mellie, I believe it turned out to make me a better girl after all. I really never knew how mean I was until that day Mr. Hamilton gave us that lecture about doing good for evil, and heaping coals of fire on the heads of our enemies. It seemed like every word went to my heart; and when I reflected about treating you so badly, and how kind you were to me in return, it was indeed coals of fire on my head, or something worse about my heart."

"Well, but our hearts melted and ran together, you remember, and we made it all up, and never cared for it any more," said Mellie laughingly.

"Yes, we made it all up," said Laura, "but then, I felt so mean about it that I could not rest. I felt so unworthy that I didn't want anybody to see me. I went home and read my Bible, and prayed God to forgive me. I couldn't study my lessons in school, and when out of school I felt worse and worse. I was so justly condemned that I thought it would be right should God refuse His mercy to me, for I was such a sinner. But I just determined to pray as long as I lived, and if God sent me to torment, I would go praying. I then realized that I had nothing to depend on but the Saviour, and when I let go all other hopes and put my trust in Him, my burden of guilt seemed all at once to roll off, and I felt so happy that I couldn't help praising the Lord. All was then so quiet; and I experienced for myself the great peace there is in believing in Christ."

"And that's what made you be baptized, was it?" said Mellie. "I saw you, and you did look so happy. I told mamma I guessed that it was because you were obeying the Saviour that made you feel so good."

"Yes, Mellie," said Laura. "I found peace in believing on Him, and I find comfort and joy in obeying Him. Since He was so good as to save me, I want to serve Him all my life, and



Miss Margaret McClellan, new B. S. U. Secretary At M. S. C. W.

do all that I can for His cause."

"And you intend to do just what the Bible tells you, don't you?" asked Mellie.

"Yes," said Laura, "the Bible is the place for us to learn our duty. But, Mellie, I want you to be religious, and to be a follower of Christ, too. You have always been a good girl—much better than myself—yet you cannot go where Jesus and the angels are unless you have a new heart. You must be born again. You have read in your little Bible that you must repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out."

"I always try to be good, and I'm going to continue trying," said Mellie.

"Yes," said Laura, "I know that you do try to be good and to do right, but you must seek for God's grace to enable you to be good, and to prepare you for happiness, both here and hereafter. Don't you remember the lesson we had in school one day about the Publican and the Pharisee?"

"O yes," said Mellie. "I remember how Mr. Hamilton explained it. He told us not to be like the Pharisee, and think that we were better than others, but to be humble, like the poor Publican. I remember, too, that the Saviour said: 'He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, and he that exalteth himself shall be abashed.' I will try to do all that the Bible tells me, Laura, and if I do that, that is all that is required, is it not?"

"Yes, that will do," said Laura, "but you must remember that the first duty enjoined upon you is to repent of your sins. If you are saved it must be by 'repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ.' Take care, Mellie, that you do not become a little Pharisee, depending on your own goodness to save you. Remember, you must deny yourself and trust in Christ. You must rely upon His merits, and not your own. It is because we cannot be saved by the law, which requires a holy life, and perfect obedience, that Christ came to save us."

Mellie did not feel the truth of these things, yet she did not treat them lightly, nor forget them. Impressions were made on her mind that were never erased. Laura had sown seeds of truth in good ground that in process of time brought forth the desired fruit.

(Continued next week)

—BR—

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(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. If you were asked to describe Narcissus, would you name it as flower, or name of a person.

2. What prophet tore a man's new garment into twelve pieces? Name the prophet and the man who owned it, and why the prophet did it.

3. Who was the man, on trial for his life, had the courage to make a statement before the Sanhedrin, and what was the statement?

4. Why did the English penny bear the symbol "D" on this coin, and where did it originate?

PRAYER MEETS ATTRACT MARINES, SAILORS ON CENTRAL PACIFIC ISLE

(Continued From Page One)

haired Marine, Corp. Leslie Watson, 27, preaches with all the fervor and vigor he exhibited as pastor of two small Baptist churches near his home at Linden, Tex.

Corp. Watson, a graduate of the College of Marshall, a Baptist school at Marshall, Tex., and an ordained Baptist minister, competes with an open-air movie just across the street. However, this does not distract his congregation of marines, sailors and Seabees.

Watson Happy in Work

"These men," Corp. Watson says, "come from good Christian homes and I am happy to have the opportunity to remind them of God's tie that binds them to their loved ones thousands of miles away."

Each night of the revival, Leathernecks and navy personnel open with a prayer meeting and follow with the singing of such old favorites as "Onward Christian Soldiers," "In the Garden," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Then Corp. Watson delivers his sermon, after which, in the evangelical manner, he invites anyone to come forward to accept Christianity. One night those who made their way forward included two Indian marines, one of them heavyweight boxing champion of this island.

Aided By Churchmen

Corp. Watson is assisted in the pulpit by Ship's Cook Third Class Silas H. Jones of Festus, Mo., who was assistant pastor of a Festus church before entering the navy, and by Marine Pfc. Lester M. York of Hollister, Calif., formerly a song-leader, trustee and elder of the Presbyterian church "back home."

The folding field organ is played by Aviation Machinist's Mate Second Class Robert P. Charlton of Pueblo, Colo., who, prior to joining the navy, was organist in the Church of Good Shepherd in Pueblo. Serving as chief usher is Marine Pfc. Walter Mikeska of Houston, Tex.

Although conducted entirely by enlisted men, these meetings have the approval of the chaplains and of the atoll commander.

—BR—

From Koshin, Iran, Bill Beam writes to express his appreciation of Clarke College which he once attended. He states that "The high spiritual atmosphere, attitude of brotherly love and the very moderate cost helped to make this fine co-educational college one of the best."

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for September 24 RELIGION IN THE LIFE OF A NATION

2 Samuel 6-7

Not highly valuable alone but also absolutely vital is true religion in the life and progress of a nation. In evidence we have before us a striking scene in the career of David.

Lesson Text and Outline

2 Samuel 7:17-29

- I. Prophecy of Nathan.
- II. The Prayer of David.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. God speaks to David. One day, after the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies, as David sat in his palace he said to his friend, Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart: for the Lord is with thee." But that very night the Lord authorized the prophet to inform the king that he must not undertake the thing nearest his local heart—the privilege of erecting an adequate and permanent temple for the worship of God. However, he was given permission to assemble materials for the sacred structure and assured that his son should carry his purpose to glorious completion. Moreover, he was promised that his throne should not topple and fall like that of Saul, that his house and family should survive their chastening for sin, and that his kingdom should be established for ever—a promise fulfilled in David's greater Son, the Messiah. Such was the vision and such the message that Nathan transmitted to David.

2. David speaks to God. With contrite heart David appeared humbly before God and poured out his soul in prayer. He confessed his unworthiness of the goodness of God to him and his family. He repeated gratefully the divine promise as to the permanence of his throne. He recognized God as the giver of all true greatness both to individuals and to nations. He worshiped Jehovah as the one and only God before whom men should bow. He attributed the greatness of Israel solely to Jehovah who redeemed them from Egypt and established them in Canaan in order that they might forever be the exponents and advocates of true religion in the earth. He acquiesced with glad heart in the divine work and will concerning himself and his house. And, finally, he prayed that in his reign and that of his dynasty the name of God should be magnified, and that his throne should be so true in its spiritual ideals as to make a definite and permanent spiritual impress upon the world.

The Lesson of the Lesson How to Keep Religion in the Life of a Nation

(1) Be prayerful. "Then went King David in, and sat before the Lord." God in King over all. Let earth's kings look to Him. Yet the kingly privilege of prayer is open to anyone who will commune with God. No privilege is more royal than prayer.

(2) Be humble. "Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house?" David was a mighty monarch. His power had been felt among the nations. He

SILVER CROSS DISTINGUISHES CHAPLAINS IN BATTLE

(Continued From Page One) denced interest in religion are very appreciative of church services on the battlefield," relates Chaplain (Captain) Robert Scott, of Lamarque, Tex., chaplain with the field artillery units of the 101st Airborne Division.

"Eighty-eight shells whining overhead make the men especially attentive to my sermons," Chaplain Scott commented smilingly. "An awful lot of praying goes on behind the German lines, too," he said regarding paratroopers who landed in enemy territory. He explained that he conducted general services for the men who are of many different faiths.

But even though they hold services wherever and whenever possible, this is only one of the major duties of the chaplain. The most solemn and one of the most important is conducting funeral services and last rites on the field. Every chaplain, regardless of his denomination, endeavors to provide services of the religion listed on the soldier's dog tags, whether it be Catholic, Protestant or Jewish. Careful records of the dead and their per-

had written poetry that lives today. He had initiated movements that will never die. And yet he bowed reverently before Jehovah. There is no place in prayer for pride.

(3) Be grateful. "What can David say more unto thee?" His heart overflowed with gratitude. His mouth was full of praise. He sang of the divine goodness. Who can recount the divine mercy? It is wide as the world and high as heaven and long as eternity.

(4) Be docile. "To make thy servant know them." We ought to be teachable. Mind and heart ought to be open to the truth. The knowledge we need is the knowledge of Jehovah. May our ears never be shut nor our minds stupid when He speaks!

(5) Be submissive. "And now, O Lord God . . . do as thou hast said." Let the will of God be done in us and through us and about us. Let us be plastic in His hands. Let us surrender wholly to His purpose. Let us cooperate fully in His plan.

(6) Be victorious. "Rest round about from all his enemies" (v. 1). More than military genius is needed to win the victories of life. God rules and overrules on every battlefield. When David gained ascendancy, it was because God had a hand in affairs. There is nothing but victory for those who trust in God.

Gold in the Golden Text

The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.—Isaiah 60:19.

Primal darkness vanished when the Creator commanded, "Let there be light!" Spiritual darkness also vanished when the Sun of Righteousness arose and Jesus became the Light of the world. Indeed, He is "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9). And He will be the everlasting light in "the city had no need of the sun neither of the moon, to shine in it; for . . . the Lamb is the light thereof" (Rev. 21:23).

And is not "thy God thy glory" yesterday, today, and for aye? John reports: "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14). And Paul declares: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6).

sonal effects are also kept by the chaplains.

Aiding the medics and often administering first aid themselves is another valuable service performed by the chaplains who work night and day, often sleeping in foxholes and moving along with the troops. Some of them assist in the evacuation of wounded to first aid stations and ambulance barges.

Modest and quiet regarding their deeds under exceedingly dangerous fire, chaplains have received numerous awards for their heroic and gallant service with combat troops.

Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Joseph R. Lacy of Hartford, Connecticut, chaplain with a Ranger Infantry Battalion, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his extraordinary heroism in action on a beach D-Day. Landing with the first assault troops, Chaplain Lacy worked under continuous fire to move wounded men from the water's edge to the shelter of a sea wall.

In general chaplains train for combat service with the division to which they are attached, and some have stayed with their units from the States to the European theater and right into the front lines. There have been casualties but replacements are sent as soon as possible.

Among the chaplains who went over with the first troops to land on the Continent are Chaplain (Captain) Raymond S. Hall of Lowell, Massachusetts, and Chaplain (Captain) Joseph A. Andrezejewski of Baltimore, Maryland, both with the Parachute Infantry.

With the airborne troops, Chaplain (Captain) William J. Reid of Rayville, Louisiana, parachuted into a French river on D-Day. Chaplain (Captain) David W. Ryan, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, landed with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Landing with the infantry were Chaplain (Captain) Joseph K. Simmons, of Kingsville, Texas, and Chaplain (Captain) Charles D. Reed of Covington, Kentucky, who worked with the troops on the beach until seriously wounded himself. He rejoined his unit in France as soon as he had recovered.

Chaplains of all faiths are serving with the troops in proportion to the denominations represented in the units to which they are attached. Everything possible is done to fill the religious needs of every unit.

Recently Chaplain (Colonel) L. Curtis Tiernan of Kansas City, Missouri, theater chaplain in the European theater of operations, made an inspection tour in France. Noticing a shortage in communion breads, he wired concerning the need and in less than twenty-four hours, 60,000 altar breads were dispatched by air and were in the process of distribution.

Directing activities of chaplains in France are Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Edwin R. Carter, Jr., a Protestant chaplain from Richmond, Virginia, and Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) John E. Foley, Catholic, of Memphis, Tenn.

Assisting Chaplain Tiernan in the European theater are Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) William E. Hoffenbacher of Chicago, Illinois, and Chaplain (Major) Judah Nadich of Baltimore, Maryland, Jewish.

Soldiers in every army branch in combat rate their chaplains very high for their faithful and courageous service. One infantryman puts it, "We'll take our hats off to the chaplains in France."

YALOBUSHA COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Gain in Gifts; Loss in Baptisms

The church letters presented to the Yalobusha County Association at its annual meeting showed about 35% gain in total contributions over last year. With two small churches failing to report, and four reporting no baptisms, there was a decline in the number of baptisms.

Among the visitors to the association were Brethren McCall, Estes and Skilton.

A resolution was passed to urge Governor Bailey to use his influence for the repeal of the Black Market law and to call upon our representatives and senators to vote for the repeal and also to do what they can to strengthen our prohibition laws.

The following officers were elected: S. N. Denley, moderator; T. T. Gooch, clerk; Kermit Cofer, vice-moderator, and A. H. Childress, treasurer.

Some of the brethren voiced their objections to the friendly attitude of the present national administration toward the liquor interests and Roman Catholicism.—T. T. Gooch, clerk.

BR DR. HEWITT ASSISTS IN DEDICATION OF CLIFF TEMPLE CHURCH

Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, accompanied by Mrs. Hewitt and their three oldest children, attended the dedicatory services of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, on September 10, and officiated in the services jointly with Dr. Wallace Bassett, present pastor of the church.

Dr. Hewitt was the first pastor of Cliff Temple church. The dedicatory service marked the first third of a century in the history of the church, and observed the church's emergence from debt.

Since its founding on December 31, 1911, at which time the membership of two churches, First Baptist of Oak Cliff, organized August 24, 1890, and the Convention Memorial church, organized 1897, merged, Cliff Temple Baptist Church has had only two pastors. The church was called Central Baptist Church at the time of the merger and was changed to Cliff Temple (Cliff for Oak Cliff and Temple for a place of worship) in March, 1923.

During Dr. Hewitt's ministry from 1912 to 1918, the membership of the church expanded five times the original combined congregations of the two churches. In appreciation of the tireless efforts and the spiritual ministry of Dr. Hewitt, which is still in evidence twenty-six years after his departure, this church named its second building, an educational building in honor of both Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt.

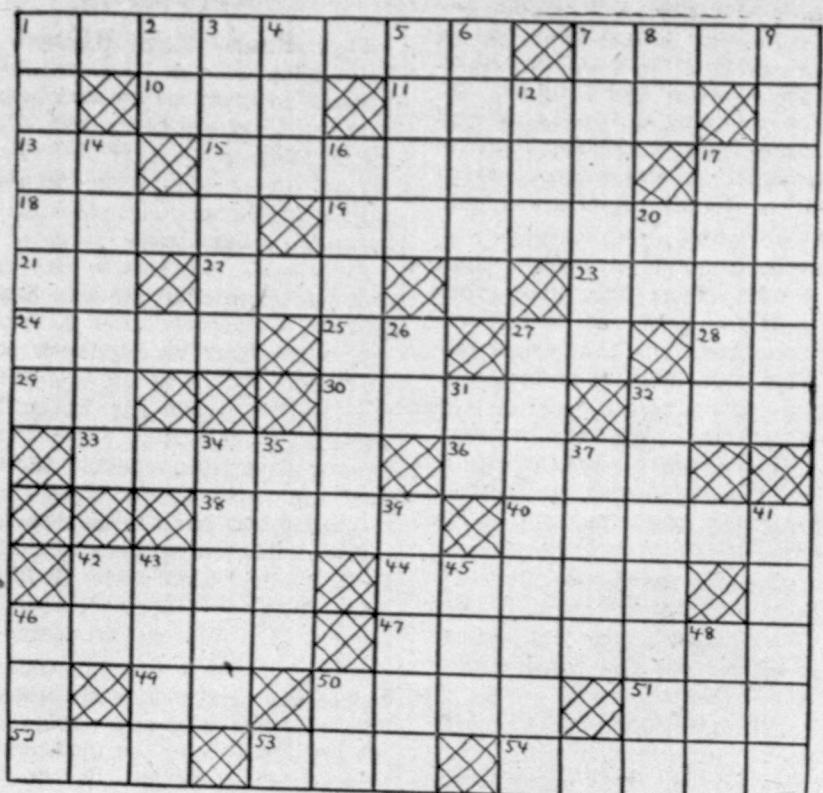
Cliff Temple church is now one of the largest and most outstanding churches of the nation. The pastor, Dr. Wallace Bassett, married a daughter of the late Dr. J. W. Mayfield and Mrs. Mayfield of McComb.

BR The T. E. L. class of Main Street church, Hattiesburg, is sending The Baptist Record to Hattiesburg City Library. We commend this plan to other churches.

Christian education is the hope of the world. Help complete the Blue Mountain College endowment campaign.

Thursday, September 21, 1944

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry."—Luke 12:19.

A SAYING OF JESUS
ACROSS

1 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious . . ." 2 Peter 1:4.
 7 "... from the law," Rom. 8:2.
 10 "... he taught them as one having authority," Matt. 7:29.
 11 "... are the nine?" Luke 17:17.
 13 Exclamation.
 15 "has punished us less than our iniquities . . ." Ezra 9:13.
 17 "and . . . fell not."
 18 "Take no thought for . . . life."
 19 "like unto . . . hid," Matt. 13:44.
 21 Printer's measure.
 22 "what ye hear in the . . ."
 23 Emperor.
 24 "A . . . shaken with the wind?"
 25 "The light of the body . . . the eye."
 27 Italian river.
 28 Tellurium.
 29 Means of transportation.
 30 Bucket.
 32 Foot.
 33 "and few . . . be that find it."
 36 "for either he . . . hate the one."
 38 Young woman.
 40 "neither two . . ." Matt. 10:10.
 42 "for . . . heavenly Father knoweth."
 44 "for I am meek and lowly in . . ."
 46 Cape of Africa.
 47 Name.
 49 "... ye therefore perfect."
 50 "turn to him the other . . ."
 51 Fish.
 52 "When he . . . come down."
 53 New Testament book.
 54 Rustic.
 A saying of Jesus is 10, 11, 18, 19, 25, 33, 36, 42, 44, 49 and 50 combined.

DOWN

1 In Matthew 6, Christ teaches His disciples how to make these.
 2 "Behold the fowls . . . the air."
 3 A Knight of the Round Table.
 4 Anger.
 5 Pitcher.
 6 Fragment.

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An Italian prisoner of war working on a peanut farm in the South recently told the owner that Mussolini had told the Italians that they would soon be marching across the plains of the United States. "What he didn't

tell us," the prisoner said, "was that we'd have to pick up peanuts on the way."—Tyler (Texas) Journal.

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TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, 1944

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| 1—Jackson, Calvary | \$10,366.58 | 13—New Albany | 2,874.33 |
| 2—Hattiesburg, First | 6,334.58 | 14—Greenwood, First | 2,784.44 |
| 3—Brookhaven, First | 5,328.29 | 15—Crystal Springs | 2,333.12 |
| 4—Vicksburg, First | 5,137.30 | 16—Leland | 2,209.03 |
| 5—Jackson, First | 5,010.00 | 17—Jackson, Griffith Memorial | 2,020.90 |
| 6—Tupelo, Calvary | 4,661.09 | 18—Collins | 1,962.24 |
| 7—McComb, First | 4,116.22 | 19—Kosciusko, First | 1,925.00 |
| 8—Picayune, First | 4,026.35 | 20—Prentiss | 1,921.08 |
| 9—Grenada, First | 3,711.92 | 21—Canton, First | 1,782.45 |
| 10—Laurel, First | 3,611.97 | 22—Belzoni | 1,583.66 |
| 11—Meridian, First | 3,212.88 | 23—Clinton | 1,492.28 |
| 12—Hattiesburg, Main St. | 2,886.85 | 24—Holly Springs | 1,488.06 |
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| 4—Quitman | 1,138.00 | 17—Columbus, First | 873.09 |
| 5—Forest | 1,100.00 | 18—Hazlehurst | 833.35 |
| 6—Meridian, Fifteenth Ave. | 1,099.11 | 19—Gloster, Galilee | 818.06 |
| 7—Clarksdale | 1,089.06 | 20—Meridian, Poplar Springs | 804.15 |
| 8—Corinth, First | 1,084.94 | 21—Aberdeen, First | 792.62 |
| 9—Louisville | 1,050.00 | 22—West Laurel | 790.43 |
| 10—Drew | 1,037.01 | 23—Yazoo City | 753.06 |
| 11—West Point, First | 1,000.00 | 24—Magee | 743.27 |
| 12—Lowrey Memorial | 961.52 | 13—Pontotoc | 740.00 |

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| 1—Sandis (Panola) | \$726.85 | 15—Magnolia | 534.85 |
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| 9—Lucedale | 412.00 | 22—Jackson, Northside | 338.60 |
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ATTACK IN LATIN AMERICA ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION

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a hierarchy intent on limiting this freedom in the effort to regain a monopoly lost early in this century.

The dispute reached the floor of the Peruvian Congress, where a group of liberal legislators won their point in defense of Protestant missionaries and the granting of new visas to them.

In Argentina, the present military dictatorship and the Roman Catholic hierarchy are repeating a fascist pattern made familiar in Spain during the Civil War that brought the Franco regime to power.

For years the Argentine hierarchy had agitated for a return of Roman Catholic instruction in the public schools. Former civilian governments steadily refused to wipe out a reform that dated back to the separation of church and state in Argentina.

"Moral Instruction"

In a decree signed Dec. 31, 1943, the teaching of Roman Catholicism is made compulsory in "all public schools of primary, elementary, secondary, and special education," as well as in "high schools and special subsidiaries of the National Universities" and "common schools administered by the National Council of Education," with the exception that parents who object may have their children excused from regular religious classes. These children, however, must take "moral instruction" instead.

Teachers of these classes are appointed by the government, subject to approval by ecclesiastical authorities. Textbooks must have church and government approval.

This decree is described as a complete reversal of policies followed toward religious instruction by the former Argentine Republic.

Such prizes for the hierarchy explain its collaboration with fascist military forces now in control of several countries and plotting to seize power in many more.

"Clerical Stranglehold"

In Peru the pattern has been made unmistakably plain.

A well-qualified observer who went into Peru after an absence of two years says that he found a "clerical stranglehold" on his return.

The drift of clerical thinking is shown in a pastoral letter issued Dec. 18, 1943, by the Peruvian hierarchy. Directed against "Protestant propaganda," it complained that Methodists arrived in 1877, followed by other Protestant sects. These and anti-Roman Catholic societies "refused to rest till they had succeeded by specious pretexts in inducing our legislative chambers first to mutilate and later to repeal the Fourth Article of our Constitution, which constituted a sacred bulwark of our religious belief and a powerful restraint against sectarian audacity."

The Fourth Article had protected a Roman Catholic monopoly by declaring Roman Catholicism to be the state religion to the exclusion of all other forms of worship. It was replaced by a guarantee of religious freedom.

The Peruvian pastoral letter concludes with directions for combating Protestant missionaries who are depicted as "applying the incendiary torch of their heretical blasphemy, . . . belching forth upon the ignorant populace . . . the whole content of their falsehood."

Issue Intensified

The issue, however, is by no means limited to Peru. It has been intensified by the sending of new Protest-

COMMITTEE PLANS STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM

(Continued From Page One)
Pierce, New Albany.

At the evening session Dr. J. E. Dillard, Promotion Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak on the Cooperative Program and the Centennial Crusade. Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will bring the closing address on "State Missions."

Highlights of the Wednesday morning session will be the election of officers, reports on the Baptist Orphanage, the Baptist Hospital, Temperance, The Baptist Record, Southern Seminary, Southwestern Seminary, Baptist Bible Institute and an address on Christian Education.

W. L. Compere, pastor, Fifteenth Avenue church, Meridian, will direct the music at the Wednesday sessions.

On Wednesday afternoon the Broth-

ant missionaries to South America after the war had curtailed their other fields abroad.

A phenomenon widely observed by Protestant and Roman Catholic writers is the declining influence of the hierarchy among the people in many parts of South America.

This trend is seen by close observers as an explanation for recent clerical efforts to stem the tide of liberal religious thought. An authority listed the three foes of democracy in South America in this order: 1. The Roman Catholic hierarchy. 2. The military caste. 3. Large landholders.

A principal target has been the Protestant missionary.

The controversy reached high ecclesiastical ranks when the Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of the United States in a meeting attended by 102 members of the hierarchy issued a public statement condemning efforts of Protestant missionaries in Latin America. That was in November, 1942.

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America promptly replied.

The Roman Catholic effort to exclude Protestant missionaries from South America has led to criticism of the State Department for allegedly yielding to pressure. Some Protestants have reported difficulty in obtaining passports, while new Roman Catholic missionaries were said to be going through without hindrance.

The shortage of priests in South America is a major concern of the hierarchy. Figures for 1942 showed the Protestant United States with one Roman Catholic priest for every 655 Roman Catholics. In proportion to the total United States population, there were 3,637 persons to every Roman Catholic priest.

Even Peru could muster only one Roman Catholic priest for every 5,909 members of its predominantly Roman Catholic population. Argentina had one to 8,571, and Brazil one to 9,528.

Gaps in Ranks

Young South American men do not join the priesthood in sufficient numbers to keep the ranks filled.

Lately, several orders of Roman Catholic missionaries from the United States have been sent into remote parts of Bolivia and other countries.

The Roman Catholics claim that South America has been converted to Christianity and thus has ceased to be a proper field for missionary activity in cities. Rome's expressed view is that missionaries should go to pagan lands, that most of South America has been converted to Roman Catholicism, so no longer is pagan.

erhood, the Training Union, the Student Union, the Woman's Missionary Union and Sunday School Department will report on the past year's work. The closing address will be given by Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. His subject will be "The Church Organized for Efficient Service."

The Wednesday night session will be devoted to Missions, Home and Foreign. The Home Mission report will be presented by Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, who is the Home Board member from Mississippi. Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, will speak on Home Missions. Dr. Everett Gill, secretary for Foreign Missions in Latin America, will speak on Foreign Missions. The Foreign Mission report will be read by Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, and Foreign Mission Board member for Mississippi.

The final session will be held on Thursday morning. After disposing of miscellaneous business, committee reports and the report of the Historical Society, the closing address will be made by Dr. D. A. McCall.

The program follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION NOVEMBER 14-16, 1944

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

W. A. Hewitt, Host Pastor

E. C. Williams, President

Tuesday Afternoon, Nov. 14

2:00—Call to Order and Enrollment.

2:05—Song and Prayer Service—M.

E. Perry.

2:20—Announcements and Naming Committee on Committees.

2:25—President's Address.

2:45—Resolutions Presented and Referred.

Recognition of new pastors and visitors.

Announcement by Book Store Manager.

Distribution of Reports.

3:15—Report of Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

4:00—Announcement and Partial Report of Committee on Committees.

4:15—Report of Radio Committee.

4:25—Convention Sermon.

5:00—Adjourn.

Tuesday Evening

7:00—Song and Prayer Service—M. E. Perry.

7:15—Report of Committee on Committees.

7:20—Cooperative Program and Centennial Crusade—J. E. Dillard.

8:20—State Missions—D. A. McCall.

9:30—Adjourn.

Wednesday Morning

8:00—Song and Prayer Service—W. L. Compere.

8:45—Reading of Minutes.

8:50—Miscellaneous Business.

8:55—Election of Officers.

9:15—Report of Committee to Review Social Service Report.

9:30—Baptist Orphanage.

9:45—Baptist Hospital.

10:00—Temperance.

10:10—Baptist Record.

11:00—Christian Education.

Five minutes for each college and Ministerial Education and three Seminaries and 40 minutes for address on Christian Education.

12:15—Adjourn.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Song and Prayer Service—W. L. Compere.

1:40—Report of Committee to Review

Answers To Know Your Bible

(Feature On Page Thirteen)

1. (Narcissus): Narcissus was the name of a man, mentioned by Paul in Romans 16:11, whose family were members of the Christian community. According to tradition, Narcissus was one of the seventy disciples, and later became the bishop of Athens.

2. (Prophet who tore a man's garment): The prophet was Ahijah, the Shilonite; he met Jeroboam in the field. He tore Ahijah's garment into twelve pieces, each meaning one of the twelve tribes. (See I Kings 11:26-35.)

3. (Man on trial for his life, etc.): The man was Stephen, and the statement which he made to the Sanhedrin (which did not please them) was "the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands," etc. (See Acts 7:48.)

4. (Symbol "D" on English penny): The "D" was used as an abbreviation of the Latin coin, the denarius, and dates back to ancient Roman times. According to W. P. Keasbey (an authority on coins), the English penny had a value of 1-12 shilling or 1-240 part of a pound. Like the denarius from which it took its abbreviation, "D," as used by the Romans.

A. A. WINSTEAD

On April 22, 1944, the death angel visited our church community of Cross Roads Baptist Church, Neshoba county, and carried away one of our most faithful members, Mr. A. A. Winstead, age 74. He was baptized at the age of 20 by Rev. A. Winstead, and was married to Miss Amelia Burnett. Ever a consecrated Christian, faithful to his church and Sunday school he was always ready to aid any one who was in need. He took God's Word for his guide and was not afraid to go ahead. His place cannot be filled and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Elma Savell,
Mrs. D. A. Adkins,
Mr. G. W. Savell,
Committee.

Convention Board's Report

2:00—Brotherhood.

2:15—B. T. U.

2:30—B. S. U.

2:45—W. M. U.

3:00—Sunday School Work.

3:30—Address on Church Organized for Efficient Service—W. L. Johnson

5:00—Adjourn.

Wednesday Evening

7:00—Song and Prayer Service—W. L. Compere.

7:20—Home Missions—In Charge of W. A. Hewitt. Address by Dr. Alfred Carpenter.

8:20—Foreign Missions—In Charge of J. D. Franks. Address by Everett Gill, Jr.

Thursday Morning

8:00—Song and Prayer Service.

8:45—Reading Minutes.

8:50—Miscellaneous Business.

9:00—Report of Resolutions Committee.

9:20—Historical Society.

9:30—Special Committees.

9:45—Report of Committee on Nominations.

10:00—Report of Committee on Time, Place, Preacher.

10:30—Address by D. A. McCall.

P. I. LIPSEY,
Chairman,
R. R. JONES,
RAY M. DYKES,
HENRY LOVE,
PERCY COOPER.

MANTEE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mantee VBS. Miss Camille Shirley, principal, and Leroy Boland, pastor. The average attendance was 67. Mantee now has a full time program.

REVEREND WILLIAM HOWARD THOMPSON (1866-1944)

William Howard Thompson was born July 30, 1866, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the son of Rev. J. P. and Mrs. Nancy Camack Thompson. The fourth in direct line, he, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather all were Baptist ministers. He died August 8, 1944, at his home at Forest, Mississippi.

When he was three years old his parents moved to Montgomery county, Mississippi, and settled at Lodi, where his father was a pastor of churches, taught school and farmed.

On August 31, 1890, W. H. Thompson was ordained to the ministry upon the call of the Bethany Baptist Church of Slate Springs, Calhoun county, Mississippi. The council was composed of Ministers T. H. Wilson, J. P. Thompson, his father, and W. B. Hicks, and Deacons T. S. Fox, I. S. Burns, J. H. Pryor, A. T. Burns, R. A. Mallory, W. P. McKee and J. T. Burns.

Rev. Thompson obtained his education at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and during his studies at both institutions he was pastor of nearby Baptist churches.

On November 15, 1893, he married May Crawford, daughter of the late Honorable N. B. and Mrs. Jane Harley Crawford, of Houston, Mississippi. She and their two sons and one daughter survive. The latter are William C. Thompson of Washington, D. C., Lt. Roger C. Thompson of the United States Army, and Mrs. John D. Allen of Forest, Mississippi. He is also survived by two grandsons and three granddaughters.

Until his retirement from active pastorate a few years ago, for more than 40 years Reverend Thompson had been pastor of Baptist churches in Mississippi. In order of time they were Holly Springs and Coffeeville, Utica, Pheba, Maben, Shuqualak, Sumrall, Forest, Newton, Laurel (West Side), and Port Gibson. He was past moderator of Scott County and Union Baptist Associations, member of the State Mission Board and former president of the Board of Trustees of Clarke College at Newton. Upon his retirement and return to Forest, he was elected pastor emeritus of the Forest Baptist Church. He lived and died doubtless the most beloved citizen of his city; and those of other race and creeds cheerfully accord him that honor.

Brother Thompson was a loyal disciple and follower of his Christ. Verily, he "went about doing good." As a preacher, he spoke from a deep profundity of spiritual experience and human understanding. He attained conversational knowledge of the language of his Lord. In proclaiming the love of Jesus, his words were like "apples of gold in pictures of silver." Paraphrasing one of Emerson's statements: What he was spoke so loudly what he professed, that his gospel message was easily heard.

DEAR GOLD STAR MOTHER

He did not lose his life—he gave it!
Gave it unstinted for the common good;

Gladly he gave it for the cause of freedom,

And for the flag, the peerless flag he loved.

He gave his life, that life so full of promise,

Life with its hopes, its prayers, its loves, its dreams,

Ah, we must weigh all life with truer measure,

As we behold his sacrifice supreme.

He did not lose his life—he gave it
Vision led, with soul aflame, he gave
Died to avenge the shame of human misery;

Died as his Master died—a world to save.

She did not lose her son—she gave him!

Gave him, unflinching to her country's call,

Now undismayed, though poignant be her anguish,

Patiently drinks the cup her God has poured.

Ethel Verne King.
(Mrs. H. M. King.)

Some comments on his characteristics should be recorded. His wife said of him: "I think his greatest faculty was his ability to harmonize differences and unite opposing factions." His son said: "To me his greatness was in his ability to speak to my heart." One of his friends said: "Of the men I have known, he was the manifesto of his Christ."

There is therefore no wonder that he faced death with a superb confidence. His rich humor stimulated by a great faith enabled him almost to chuckle at the onslaughts of the grim reaper. In his passing he dramatized Tennyson's lines:

"Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

"For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

Respectfully submitted by the committee, J. Knox Huff, H. E. Bishop and W. A. Goodwin; and adopted by Forest Baptist Church for record and publication this the 23rd day of August, 1944.

OVERCROWDED CHAPEL AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY



MOBILE BISHOP WARNS PARENTS CHILDREN MUST ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Mobile, Ala.—(RNS)—Reminding all Roman Catholic families in the Diocese of Mobile that their children must be sent to Catholic schools, Bishop T. J. Toolen warned that parents who disobey this requirement may be denied the sacraments of the church.

"There is no law of the church more important than that which obliges parents to send their children to Catholic schools," the bishop stated.

"Some Catholics," his statement added, "may be misled by the fact that the church makes provision for the religious care of Catholic youth attending secular schools and colleges, and interpret this to mean that the church endorses attendance at these schools. The church at best tolerates this attendance and simply fulfills a duty in caring for the souls of those in attendance."

WRITER ASSERTS ROBBING WITH SLOT MACHINES HAS GOVERNMENT BLESSING

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—Slot machines and other coin-operated gaming devices paid \$7,781,600 into the treasury in the last fiscal year, and thereby became "legal" as far as federal tax laws are concerned.

A tax of \$100 was paid on 77,816 of these machines, the Internal Revenue Bureau disclosed in a summary of occupations subject to special taxes.

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—One of the severest summer drouths of record has developed in the Ohio valley, including Tennessee and Kentucky, the Weather Bureau said Wednesday.

With only half a month of the June-August summer season remaining, Tennessee has had only about 45 per cent normal rainfall, and Kentucky 44 per cent.

In addition to the Ohio valley states, where most crops have been damaged by lack of moisture and extremely high temperatures, drouth conditions have become more or less serious in a good many other sections, the bureau said.

Crops affected by the dry weather include corn, cotton, potatoes, soybeans, truck crops and gardens. Pastures likewise have been damaged.

Washington, Aug. 16—(AP)—Representative Priest (D., Tenn.) Wednesday offered some hope of relief for drouth stricken areas in Tennessee and parts of Kentucky and Virginia.

Priest told a reporter he and Representative Flanagan (D., Va.), had asked the Department of Agriculture to provide a hay subsidy, which proved an effective relief measure last year.

The above news items were found in the August 17 issue of the Commercial Appeal.

They are from the Associated Press and given on the same day as a mere matter of news. The average reader will no doubt think of both these items as news items only and will not associate them with each other.

The lovers of righteousness however who fear, revere, love God and believe His word, can see that God by withholding the rain has turned the \$7,781,600 into a loss, and converted

that which seemed to be an asset into a liability. By the time the U. S. government gets through paying the hay subsidy, made necessary by the drouth caused by God's withholding the rain, where will be the money obtained by taxing the one armed bandits?

In all the states, robbery with fire arms carries a severe penalty, and in some states the penalty is death. This is as it should be, but why make such a difference between robbery with fire arms and robbery with slot machines? Robbery with fire arms has the curse of the government. Robbery with slot machines has the government's blessing. God is looking on and we may expect Him to have the last word in this one armed bandit robbery.

Our nation as such does not seem to know right from wrong and therefore has no national conscience. Does anyone deny or challenge my statement that our government does not seem to know right from wrong? If so let him speak and I will give further proof; viz.: when the supply of whisky began to run low the government, through its authorized agency—the War Production Board—informed the distillers that they might cease for the month of August making industrial alcohol needed in war and make whisky instead. It is estimated by those in a position to know that the distillers will add fifty to sixty million gallons of whisky in one month to the diminishing stock of whisky. Those who are in a position to know tell us that it will require seventy-five million bushels of grain to manufacture the fifty to sixty million gallons of whisky.

This waste of precious grain is at a time when this grain is sorely needed for food for man and feed for livestock. Any right thinking person can see that our government has put the manufacture of distilled death and liquid damnation above the manufacture of food which is sorely needed at home and abroad. If actions speak louder than words, our government either does not know right from wrong or has deliberately chosen to do wrong rather than right. No wonder our national debt and casualty list mounts daily. Elijah's God still lives and there will be a pay day some day.—J. W. Lee.